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On SUNDAY, the 20th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Reach Road, Bandora, in Mr. Jabelmer Moiy's bungalow, the valuable and substantial teakwood and blackwood household furniture made to order, glassware, crockery, Mahogany square piano by Schiedmayer and Schne, very little used, large iron safe, pictures, table and hanging lamps, copper utensils etc., the property of N. F. KANNY, Esq., proceeded up-country.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

The property of a gentleman:

1 Madras built rubber tyred landau.

1 New office shigram.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY, the 21st instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co, will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and colored piece-goods and the following:—

Furniture such as marble top table, sofas, chairs, glassdoor book case, chest-of-drawer with glass, writing, dressing and wash-hand tables, cupboards, mirror door almira, dining table, meatafe, semigrand piano, Brussels carpets, double iron bedstead, 1 mahogany cottage piano by Soundy and Co.

1 Book or ornaring machine.

1 Abbes No. 8 large cooking stove with chimney by Smith and Wellstood.

1 Table clock in dome 100 days, winding.

AT 2 P.M,

Several second-hand gent's bicycles.

1 Sing's gent's bicycle, complete, in good order.

1 glass-fronted double-seated brougham.

1 strong built office shigram.

1 strong built victoria.

1 English motor-car in going order.

And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

Several second-hand gent's bicycles.

On WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Upper Colaba, opposite the old Light House, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, drawing-room suit of sofas and chairs upholstered in rich Persian carpet, cabinets, Bolton's iron box, best plated ware, rich crockery and glassware, Persian carpets, rich table ornaments, Hink's table and hanging lamps, American organ, Bussorah fowls, etc., the property of Rev. Mr. H. ROUNTREE.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 18th September, 1903.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREET, FORT.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES at the Northern side of Nakhoda Street, near Pydhownee, Bombay, at Mahim, on the public road leading to Mahim Sea Shore.

In the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction,

Suit No. 205 of 1901.

Jeerumbai, widow and others .....Plaintiffs

vs.

Hawabai, widow and others.....Defendants,

Under instructions from Norman Cranstoun Macleod, Esq., the Special Commissioner and receiver appointed in the above suit by the consent decree made therein on the 16th day of July, 1903, and pursuant to the directions contained in the said consent decree, Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co. will sell on the premises, at 4-30 p.m., the properties hereunder described, situated at Nakhoda Street, near Pydhownee, and at Mahim, on the days hereinafter mentioned:—

Property at Nakhoda Street to be sold on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of September, 1903.

All that piece or parcel of land, containing by admeasurement 156 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 581, new No. 7813 old survey No. 581, new survey No. 1231 together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under B Ward No. 949, Street No. 8032, all which premises are situate at and on the northern side of Nakhoda Street near Pydhownee at Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, and are bounded on the east by the Jamati house belonging to the Kolsa Mohila Jamat, on or towards the west by the property of Beg Mahomed Hajee Abdul Rehman, on or towards the north by a sweeper's passage, and on or towards the south by the said Nakhoda Street, and which said premises were formerly in the occupation of the tenants of Hajee Cassum Noor Mahomed, deceased, and are now in that of the said special Commissioner and Receiver.

Property at Mahim to be sold on SATURDAY, the 3rd day of October, 1903.

All that piece or parcel of vacant land containing by admeasurement 900 square yards or thereabouts, situate on the public road leading to Mahim Sea Shore, at Mahim, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the east by the Durga dedicated to Mugnum Peer, on or towards the west by the public road, on or towards the north by a well, partly belonging to the deceased Hajee Cassum Noor Mahomed, and partly to the Trustees of the said Durga, and on or towards the south by the property belonging to the Trustees of the said Durga.

For further particulars and conditions of sale applications may be made to Mr. Khurshedji D. Shroff, attorney for the said Special Commissioner and Receiver, at his Office at No. 13, Hornby Board, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 18th September, 1903.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 3, Grant Buildings, top-floor, Colaba, the very valuable and handsome teak and blackwood plain and carved French-polished household furniture, rich glass crockery ware, best plated ware, first rate pictures and oleographs and table ornaments, handsome China and Japanese flower vases, one sweet toned cottage piano by Soundy & Co., Hink's and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, rich Persian and Brussels carpets, one gentleman's bicycle, etc., etc., the property of JOHN J. ROGERS, ESQ.

Catalogues are published, and the property is on view.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 2 p.m. Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.,

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 handsome strong victoria, in very good order.

1 handsome strong glass fronted miniature brougham, in very good order.

1 handsome strong palanquin office shigram,

1 grey Arab, quiet in harness and saddle,

1 bay pony, quiet in harness.

1 bay mare, fast trotting, goes well in harness.

1 English rubber tyred Victoria with grey horse.

On SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Colaba near the Post Office and the Police Chowky, behind the "Bird Cage" bungalow, Seaside Villa, the very valuable and handsome teak and blakwood plain and carved household furniture of the latest design, such as English walnut wood drawing room sofas and chairs,lined red silk tapestry on castors, drawing room cabinets, clothes and gown almyras, glass crockery, and best platedware by Elkington, Read and Barton table and hanging lamps, one English clock in glass dome, bedsteads by Benjamin, oil-paintings and oleographs, one nearly new etonized sweet-toned piano by Rose and Co., one large bronze horse, marble top dressing and wash-band tables one English ice-box by Bolton with refrigerator, Singapore furniture, large fish bowl, baba perambulator and go-cart, lady's and gentleman's bicycles, large cooking stove, copper cooking utensils, garden benches, &c., &c., the property of H. E. HARRINGTON, Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the property on view four days before the sale.

BONA-FIDE SALE,

On MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs BENNETT and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Navsari Chambers, Hornby Road, Fort, the very valuable and handsome teak and blackwood plain and carved French-polished household furniture, rich glass and crockery ware, test platedware, first rate pictures and oleographs and table ornaments, handsome China and Japanese flower vases, Hink's and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, rich Persian and Brussel carpets, etc., etc., the property of C. ROGERS, Esqr.

Catalogues will be published and the property on view, four days before the sale.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 18th September, 1903.

J. V. NAVLAKHI & Co.,

Cheapest Dealers in

STATIONERY, DRAWING

AND

PAINTING MATERIALS,

For Art Students, Artists, Engineers, etc.,

RUBBER STAMP MAKERS,

KALKADEVI ROAD, BOMBAY.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

SECURITIES—		
2½ per cent. Consols	89 3-16	= + 1/8
2½ per cent. Rentes	95 1-2 ex	=
3½ per cent, Indian Sterling Loan	105 1-2	= unchanged
3½ per cent, Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	66 1-8	= + 1/16
SILVER—		
Spot in London	26 3-8	= unchanged
2 months hence	26 1-8	= do
Spot in New York	57 1-3	= do
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25 20	= do
Berlin	20 33 3-4	= + 1/4
New York Demand	48 61-2	= unchanged
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	4	pr ct = do
3 months sight Bank Bills	4	pr ct = do
6 " " "	4	pr ct = do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	4 1-4	pr ct = do
6 month sight Fine Trade Bills	4 3-8	pr ct = do
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	3 1 4	pr ct = do
7 day market loans	3 3-8	pr ct = do

Rubber.—Para Rubber, 4s. 6d.

Linseed Sold, 38 1-3 Sept.-Oct. Business done. Tone firmer.

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 5,000,000,

Rs. 20,40,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
" 10,80,000 do. Bombay.
" 2,30,000 do. Madras.

Rs. 43,20,000, at 1s. 4 1-32d.
Minimum rate received 12 p. ct.
Telegraphic Transfers—
Rs. 1,00,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
" 5,80,000 do. Bombay.
" Nil " Madras.

Rs. 6,80,000 at 1s. 4 1-16d.
Minimum rate received 12 per cent.
Total amount sold during week, Rs. 60,20,000.
Amount to be alloted next week, Rs. 50,00,000.
Extra allotments on Calcutta, Rs. 40,000, at 1s. 4 1-16d.

In Liverpool—

Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester quiet. Total sales 5,000. Spot 6's—14. Sold on speculation and for export 500. Imports 2,000. Arrivals closed steady.

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
5·70	5·40	5·30	5·27
— 8	— 5	— 4	— 4
Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April.	April-May.
5·25	5·24	5·23	5·23
— 4	— 4	— 4	— 4

In New York:

Receipts at the Port	15,000
Do. last year	32,000
Exports to Great Britain	8,000
Do. do Continent	Nil
Mid.-Uplands	1·175 unchanged
Futures, month of Dec.	9·13 + 14
Do. do. March	9·22 + 14

In New Orleans—

Spot	10 13-16 unchanged
Futures, month of Dec.	9·76 + 13
Do. do. March	9·85 + 13
Tone at close	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat, and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, 16th September, 1903 :—

Cotton	474 bales.
Wheat	18,684 cwts.
Linseed	1,114 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	2,909 "
Gingellyseed	573 "
Poppyseed	939 "
Groundnuts	533 "
Castorseed	9,076 "
Rice	31,250 "
Myrabollams	3½ "
Cottonseed	6,895 "

BOMBAY, THURSDAY, SEPT. 17.

EXCHANGE—Tone firm.

Bank T.T.	1s. 4 1-32d.
Bank Demand	1s. 4 1-16d
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.	1s. 4 9-32d.
Do 6 do do	1s. 4 7-16d
French Francs 3 do do	170 3-4
Marks 3 do do	138 1-2
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	134
Shanghai 30 do do	186
Japan 30 do do	151 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. tone steady.

Cash	Rs. 98·5
1st Settlement	" 98·3

Money Market, Tone quiet.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since	3rd Sept.	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do. 20th Aug	3	do.
Bank of Bengal	do. 23rd Aug	3	do.
Bank of Madras	do. 23rd July	4	do.

SEEDS—

	R.	a.	p.
Linseed,—Tone firm. Ready	6	8	0
Rapeseed.—Tone unchanged.			
Brown Cawnpore ready	Rs. 5	6	0
Yellow Cawnpore "	" 5	12	0
Yellow Guzerat "	" 5	13	0
Poppyseed.—Tone steady. Ready	6	5	0
Castorseed—Tone quiet, Ready	21	8	0

WHEAT.—Tone quiet.

Pissi 91 per cent	Rs. 30·8
Club No. 1	" 29 8
Hard Red	" 23-12

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone steady.
Estimated sales ..... 5,000 Bales.

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
5·70	5·40	5·30	5·28
—10	— 6	— 6	— 3
Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl-May
5·31	5·30	5·25	5·25
— 6	— 6	— 5	— 6

COTTON.—The local Market for ready cotton is steady with a moderate enquiry at current rates, principally by Mills. New crop is also steady, but there is very little doing, and closing rates are Rs. 226 for Good Broach and Rs. 174 1-2 for Fully Good Bengals.

The following is the statement of Silver Balance in the Bombay Mint for the week ending 16th September :—

	Rs.
Value of Silver held on account of tenderers for Dollar coinage on the evening of the 9th September 1903	63,90,000
Value of Government Silver on do.	6,83,000
Total	69,73,000
Add—Silver received during the week on account of tenderers for British Dollar coinage	11,98,000
Do. do. Government	3,33,000
	15,31,000
	84,94,000
Deduct—Dollars transferred to Custom House for export of the value of	.....
Petty items issued for miscellaneous purposes	.....
New Coin paid to the Reserve Treasury	.....
	.....
Balance on evening of the 16th September 1903	84,94,000

	Rs.
The Balance comprises—	
Silver held on account of the tenderers	74,58,000
Do do Government,	10,36,000
	84,94,000

	Rs.
There is in addition awaiting Assay—	
Bullion received for Dollar coinage	18,09,003
Uncurrent coin belonging to Government	1,26,000
	19,35,003

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.
Surats quiet.
Good Bhowngger ..... Nil.
The Manchester Market has been quiet.

2¾ per cent. Consols	89 3-16
3 per cent. Rentes	95 1-2 ex
3 1-2 per cent, Sterling Loan	105 1-2
3 1-2 per cent, Rupee Papers	66 1-8
Bar Silver	26 3-8

MR. SUDDON'S reforming activity continues unabated. He has been casting his eagle eye over the educational system of New Zealand, and has leaped to the conclusion that it is "degenerating into cram." Therefore he has announced his determination to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate, report, and find a remedy. He is also going to stop "trade combines," and prevent foreign steamers doing business between New Zealand ports.

BEAUTY AND HYGIENE.

"For health, beauty, and luxury, use the "Albion Milk and Sulphur Soap," which, Lady Constance Howard writes, is "pleasant to use, and whitens and softens the Skin." Also Testimonials from Countess Bathurst, Lady White, Viscountess Exmouth, Lady Dorothy Nevill, and many others. Delicately perfumed. Warning.—When buying the "Albion Milk and Sulphur Soap," see that name and figure head of "Albion" are on the wrapper. Sold by all Chemists, Grocers, &c.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senter) is Rs. ½ for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line, CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

EUROPE.

MARRIAGE.

HAMILTON—STEVENSON—September 9, at Rathmine Parish Church, Dublin, by the Rev J F M Cox, B D Robert Clifton Hamilton, Bengal Civil Service, to Elisabeth Charlotte, eldest daughter of Walter R Stevenson, Esq., of Chittagong, Bengal.

DEATH.

ALLIN—September 8, at Landour, Colonel William B. Allin, R. A. M. C., Principal Medical Officer, Bombay and Nagpore Districts, aged 57 years.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

CUNLIFFE—September 10, at Robin's Nest, Murree, the wife of Lieut-Colonel E W Cunliffe, 6th Punjab Infantry, P F F, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

STRONG—CROUGH—September 5, at St Thomas' Church Puri, by the Rev Brown Constable, Henry George Strong, of Chandbali, to Hilda Kathleen Crough, eldest daughter of the late C P Crough, Bengal Police.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 48m. Sun sets, 6h. 1m. High water, 9·4m., 9·9a. Low water, 2·16m., 3·15a.
Fourth Criminal Sessions.
Bombay Improvement Trust.
Bombay Medical and Physical Society, University Library, 4·30 p.m.
Rovers' Football Tournament, Cooperage.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore, China and Japan per extra s. s. "Banca," will be closed at the General Post Office at 8 A. M., Thursday, the 24th instant.

ARRIVAL OF A NATIVE CHIEF.—H. H. the Maharajah of Kapurthala, attended by six followers, arrived in Bombay on Wednesday, and is staying in Watson's Esplanade Hotel. The Maharajah leaves to-morrow for Japan.

HOUSE-BREAKING AND THEFT.—Mulchund Ichachund, a dealer in german-silver ware has reported to the police that his shop in Shaik Memon Street had been broken into during the night of the 15th instant, and currency notes and cash amounting to Rs. 236 stolen.

ACCIDENT TO A CARPENTER.—Jordhan Pitamber, a carpenter, aged thirty years, while working at a window on the third floor of a house in Bazaar Gate Street, Fort, on Wednesday, accidentally overbalanced himself and fell on to the road below, from a height of about thirty feet, fracturing his left leg at two places. He was conveyed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where he has been detained for treatment.

MUSIC AT THE ESPLANADE BAND STAND.—By kind permission of Lt.-Col. W. F. Cahusac, Commanding, and the Officers, the Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry will play the following programme of Music, under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 5-45 p.m. (weather permitting):—

1 March	Under the banner of Victory	Von Blon
2 Overture	Le Domino Noir	Auber
3 Grand Fantasia	Elijah	Basquit
4 Dance	Deo Soyards	Lamothe
5 Selection	The French Maid	Slaughter
6 Valse	A Toi	Waldteufel

INSANITY AND SUICIDE.—At the Morgue, yesterday, Mr. F. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, conducted an inquest, relative to the death of Rama Raghoo, a Hindu, aged about thirty. The deceased was a peon, employed in the Secretariat. About two years ago he had plague, and since then he had been out of his mind. He did not take his food regularly, spoke incoherently and at intervals used to be violent. On Tuesday morning, he left home without saying where he was going; and shortly after, he was seen jumping into a well off Pedder Road. When the police removed the body from the well, life was extinct. A verdict of suicide during insanity was returned by the jury.

AN OLD OFFENDER.—Before Mr. J. W. S. Draoup, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Inspector Allixcharged Haji Mulla Ahmed, an old offender, with stealing wearing apparel of the value of Rs. 8, the property of Johor Fakeer, a resident of Ripon Road. The evidence showed that during the night of the 14th instant, the accused broke into the complainant's house and carried off the clothing. He was passing over the Byculla Bridge with the bundle concealed under his arm, when he was challenged by a policeman on duty. He was taken into custody and subsequently made a statement and pointed out the complainant's house. The accused admitted six previous convictions. He was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment.

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' DANCE.—A most enjoyable dance was given at the Town Hall last evening by the Cathedral High School Old Boys. A capital programme of music was provided; and dancing was kept up with great spirit until a late hour. The following were the officials:—President, Mr T A Savage; Vice-President, Mr C E Howard; Members of Committee, Messrs E W Thompson, H L Phillips, R Phillips, A Spilling, E Fern, and C M Ward; Masters of Ceremonies, Messrs R O B Phillips, A Paterson, A Spilling, E Fern, N George, and J Stanley; Joint Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers, Messrs E D Smith and Wallace J Irvine.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN JOCKEY.—Racing circles in India will regret to hear of the death of Mr. W. Cowell, the well-known jockey, which occured at Watson's Hotel on Tuesday night from heart disease. Deceased kept himself well to the fore ina number of the recent races. He came to Bombay only a week ago to meet his wife, who was coming from Australia. Mrs. Cowell arrived in Bombay on Monday morning, and found herself on the following night a widow. Deceased's courage and hard riding were always admired. Sometime ago he rode for Mr. A. Lear at Calcutta, then for H. H. the Kour Saheb of Patiala, and subsequently for H.H. the Aga Khan and Aga S. Shah. This season he was engaged by Messrs. M. Goculdas and Ansnji Nanji. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Cowell.

THEFT BY A SERVANT.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Draper charged Pandu Sakharam, a peaker in the employ of Messrs. Whiteaway and Laidlaw, with the theft of five plates, one cup, one waterproof sheet and some soaps, collectively valued at about Rs. 6. Evidence showed that the accused had stolen the property from the different departments of the establishment of Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw and Company from time to time during the course of a month. Mr. George T. Hardy, a salesman, at Messrs. Whiteway Laidlaw and Company, deposed that complaints had been received from up-country about the loss of articles from the parcels. The Magistrate convicted the accused and sentenced him to one day's imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 15.

NOTES FROM GOA.

A PRESS PROSECUTION.

OUR Panjim correspondent, writing on Tuesday, says:—Last month a steamer arrived at Marmagoa with a consignment of 5,000 tons of coals to the enterprizing firm of Messrs. Playfair and Walke. The bulk of the coal has been despatched by rail to Dharwar, Belgaum, and other British territory.

The case brought by the Public Prosecutor against the responsible editor of the daily journal, "Era Nova," published in this City, for giving publicity to a letter commenting rather sharply on the acts of a Government official, was heard on the 5th instant, and after much discussion on both sides upon the maintenance of the doctrines over the liberty of the Press and its abuses, it came to a termination on the 7th instant. The defence was complete ignorance on the part of the editor as to the publication of the letter in question, and the impossibility of tracing the real author of the incriminated article. The court was full of spectators to hear the sentence, which was pronounced by the Judge on the 7th instant, condemning the accused to 10 days' imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 120. The sentence has been appealed against by the editor.

It is generally believed that our good Governor-General Galhardo, returns to India in the course of next month, but should this not prove to be the case, and the General resign his office, his successor will be Colonel Novaes, at present governing Macao.

Although we have had a good monsoon, the rice crops are not likely to prove so satisfactory as was at one time expected.

ARRIVAL OF R. I. M. S. CANNING.

The R. I. M. S. Canning, Lieutenant Commander S. D. Vale, arrived in harbour yesterday from Aden, which port she left on the 9th September. She brought the following details:—Assistant Surgeon Williams, I. S. M. Department, 30 native details, 12 followers, 30 women, 42 children and two horses.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

THE adjourned meeting of the Bombay Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall. In the absence of Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, the President, the Honble Mr. Vithaldas Damodar was voted to the chair.

LORD HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUILDING.

In accordance with a notice of motion Mr. S. D. Khote moved:—That with reference to the letter from the Secretary, Joint Schools Committee, dated the 16th February 1903, the attention of the Commissioner be invited to Corporation resolution dated the 5th July 1900, and he be requested to take over the Harris School building and give charge of it to the Joint Schools Committee at as early a date as possible. That, with reference to his letter, dated the 19th January 1903, the Joint Honorary Secretary, Lord Harris Memorial Committee, be informed of the orders passed in para. 1 of this Resolution, and he be further informed that the Corporation do not think that the preparation of a Trust Deed in respect of the building is necessary, and that they approve of the draft inscription to be cut on the slab at the entrance to the School, subject to the addition of the words 'this Building for Primary Education' has been, before the word 'Erected' in the beginning of the inscription as suggested by Commissioner.

The resolution was adopted

LIST OF VOTERS.

In July last the Corporation passed a resolution requesting the Commissioner to inform them if there was anything in the Municipal Act which prohibited the publication of lists prepared by him under Section 28. The Commissioner in reply states:—

The Resolution is based on the supposition that the lists referred to are lists of the names of the voters with the number of votes given by each. Such is not however the case. The lists prepared do not contain the names of the voters. They are simply a tabulation of the valid votes given to each candidate. There is no necessity to have separate lists prepared of the names of the voters, but it is incumbent to prepare lists "of the valid vote," and this condition is satisfied by the present practice. As regards the legal aspect of the question I quote below the Municipal Solicitors' opinion:—

'Although we are unable to find anything in the Municipal Act which in express terms prohibits the publication of names of persons who have voted, we can find nothing which would justify such publication. Indeed the inference is so far as the Act deals with publication at all is rather the other way, for when the declaration of the results of election is dealt with in Section 33 (1) we find it expressly provided that in the case of a contested election the number of votes recorded for each candidate (not the names of the voters) is to be declared. We do not think it would be proper to issue to the candidates or otherwise to publish lists containing the names of the voters voting for each candidate, and we may point to Rule 53 of the Rules for election of Local Boards in Schedule II to the Public Health Act 1875 as showing that it is not done in the case of similar elections under that Act.' The tabulation of the names of the voters would involve extra labour and would cause delay. I propose however as an experiment at the next general election to enter the names of the voters in the lists and to allow candidates an inspection of these after the declaration of the poll. This is the utmost extent to which publication can be permitted at present."

Mr. Jafferbhoy Rahimtoola moved that the Commissioner's letter be recorded and that the Commissioner be informed that the Corporation approved of the suggestions made by him. The proposition was agreed to.

PURCHASE OF THE TRAMWAYS.

QUESTION OF VOLTS.

The Corporation considered the sixth report of the Committee appointed by them to assist the Commissioner in matters arising in connection with the purchase of the Tramways regarding the system proposed by the Brush Electrical Engineering Company to be adopted in Bombay for the supply of electric energy. The Committee in their report states:—The voltage proposed by the Company is considered to be too high by Mr. Hewett, who is of opinion that it should be limited to 200 volts for general lighting work. Government, after receiving Mr Hewett's remarks, intimate that they contemplate provisionally approving of the system proposed by the Company, making such approval subject to all provisions of the rules under the Electricity Act III of 1903, a draft of which has been published, when they are finally sanctioned by the Government of India, and subject also to reconsideration, should any objection be raised to the system under rule 7 (2) of the draft rules; and they enquire whether the Corporation have any objection to such approval being given. The Committee have carefully considered the matter in consultation with the Commissioner and discussed it with Mr. Hewett, who is clearly of opinion that for general lighting work the 230 volts proposed by the Company is too high a potential. The Committee are informed that there are no installations in Bombay with a voltage of over 100, and that although it would be unnecessary and undesirable to limit the Brush Company to this, still a voltage of 200 would be quite ample. With regard to the proposal of Government to give provisional approval to the system proposed by the Brush Company subject to reconsideration after the passing of the rules under the Electricity Act, III of 1903, Mr Hewett has advised the Committee that if a lower voltage were subsequently decided on the cost of alteration would be very heavy. Since the above was written the Committee have had an opportunity of discussing the matter with Mr. F. W. Chanter, agent for the Brush Electrical Engineering Co. Mr. Chanter informs the Committee that 230 volts is a potential in common use in England; that a lower potential means a larger capital expenditure to the Company, and therefore more cost to the consumers; and that the risk of leakage will not be appreciatively more with 230 volts than with 200. Mr. Hewett, after hearing Mr Chanter, however still maintains that a voltage higher than 200 is unsuitable for the damp, salt atmosphere of Bombay. The Committee think that, with Mr. Hewett's large experience of local installations, his advice is entitled to weight. They accordingly recommended the Corporation to ask the Commissioner to be so good as to inform Government that according to the expert advice which is at present available to the Corporation a higher voltage than 200 for general lighting work seems to them, in view of local atmospheric conditions, unsuitable for Bombay; but that if Government are advised by their expert advisers that a voltage of 230 would not be too high the Corporation will have no objection to that voltage being sanctioned.

The Hon Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola proposed that the report be approved and adopted and the Commissioner be requested to address the Government in terms of the Committee's report. He said the question before the Corporation was with regard to the voltage and they approached the Government to sanction it, because under the Electricity Act the Government had the power to sanction all points connected with electricity. Having regard to the climatic condition of Bombay it was the opinion of Mr. Hewett, the Corporation's only expert, that it was not desirable to recommend a higher voltage than 200; but, the views of the Brush Electric Company being opposed to Mr. Hewetts opinion, it was considered advisable to leave the matter entirely to the discretion of the Government.

Mr. Mamobhandas Ramji seconded the resolution.

Dr. N. N. Katrak said even in Baroda a voltage of 200 had been found to be too high as there was considerable leakage. He was opposed to the introduction of a voltage of 230 and thought the Corporation should not even tell the Government that if their advisers so advised the Corporation would go in for 230 volts. He moved an amendment to the effect that the report be adopted, and that the following words from the last sentence of the Committee's report be omitted:—"But that if the Government are advised by their expert advisers that a voltage of 230 would not be too high the Corporation will have no objection to that voltage being sanctioned."

The amendment, which was seconded by Dr. Sukhia, on being put to the vote was lost. The original proposition was carried by a large majority.

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

The Hon. Mr. P. M. Mehta asked for and obtained priority for the consideration of the fourth report of the Committee appointed by the Corporation regarding the appointment of the Executive Engineer. The Committee in their report stated:—

That the Commissioner having asked the Local Government Board in London to give their opinion as to the qualifications of certain elected candidates, the Board were good enough to undertake to strike off undesirable names from any list of selected candidates sent to them. Certain selected names were accordingly forwarded to the Board and those not eliminated by that body were then sent for enquiry and report to Mr. James Mansergh, P. P. Inst. C. E., F. R. S., etc. who had agreed to advise on them for a fee of 100 guineas, plus expenses. Along with the names, the Commissioner sent to Mr. Mansergh a full note on the duties to be performed by the Executive Engineer of this Municipality, the arrangements in force and the system obtaining in the Department and the principal qualifications necessary in the Executive Engineer. Mr. Mansergh's opinion has, therefore, been given with a full knowledge of all circumstances and requirements and may, therefore, be accepted with confidence. After interviewing all the candidates whose names were sent up, except one not then in England who is well known to him personally, Mr. Mansergh recommends for the post Mr. Joseph Hall of Cheltenham, whom the Committee had also before it was decided to seek advice in London, picked out as the most eligible of all the candidates whose applications were before them. Mr. Hall is 51 years of age, is a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Member of the Sanitary Institute, Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society (for whom he reports on rainfall and Lightning research) and Member of the Council of the Association of Municipal Engineer.

Mr. Mansergh, who has several times interviewed, Mr. Hall, points out that he has occupied the position of Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer of the two important towns of Torquay and Cheltenham, and has had a large and varied experience of all kinds of Municipal work, viz., water, sewerage, lighting by gas and electricity, street-making, and what is not quite usual, architectural design and the laying out of pleasure-grounds. With regard to Mr. Hall's age which might seem too advanced for a European to begin work in this country at, Mr. Mansergh, after making special enquiry as to his health and his habits, advises that it need not stand in the way of his appointment, Mr. Hall asks for a salary of Rs. 1,500 per mensem, and the Committee beg to recommend his appointment on that salary. His salary will have to begin from the date on which he starts for Bombay to join his appointment, and the Committee think the Corporation should pay his passage to Bombay. The Commissioner agrees with the Committee's recommendation.

The Hon. Mr P. M. Mehta moved that the report be approved and adopted that subject to confirmation by the Governor in Council Mr. Joseph Hall, M. Inst. C. E., M. I. Mech. E. &c., be appointed Executive Engineer for a period of five years; that a salary of Rs. 1,500 per mensem be paid to him from the time when he started for Bombay to join his appointment and that the Corporation approved of the payment to Mr. Hall of the cost of his passage to Bombay and would be prepared on the recommendation of the Standing Committee to sanction a grant for the purpose. He said after considering a number of applications the Committee had made certain selections which were then submitted to the London Local Government Board. The latter struck out certain names, and then again Mr Mansergh, a gentleman of the highest engineering qualifications, was asked to again revise the list. Mr. Mansergh struck out some more names and had advised the Corporation that on the whole Mr. Hall was the most eligible candidate and he should be given the appointment of Executive Engineer. But the members would find that Mr. Baptista, who was a member of the Committee, had in a dissenting minute discussed the qualifications of another candidate, Mr. Antony, and urged that preference should be given to the gentleman. Now it was very easy to sit in ones own room and criticise reports. But he (Mr. Mehta) thought in a matter of this kind, they should look from a practical point of view. They had paid Mr. Mansergh a fee of one hundred guineas to make the best selection and he had given them the opinion that Mr. Hall was the best man. Mr. Mansergh was a far more capable man than he (the speaker) himself or any other member to judge of these things. He had the advantage of knowing all the candidates and had made all sorts of inquiry with regard to their qualification. He (Mr. Mehta) took it that the judgment of such a man as Mr. Mansergh would be far better than any body there who might happen to be an expert to a certain extent. He had read with very great interest the critical remarks under different heads made by Mr. Baptista, but he could not say he attached the same weight and value to his opinion which he did to that of Mr. Mansergh. One great objection taken for Mr. Hall was his age. He was 51 years of age and it was very doubtful whether he could stand the climate of Bombay. He did not think, they ought to forget that this was a question of appointing a man for the lowest rung of the ladder. There they were putting him at once at the head of a big department. The qualifications which they required for such a head were ripe judgment, experience and power of managing a department of that character, not only with regard to professional works but also with regard to the routine business of the department, which was a very important portion of the work to be done by the Executive Engineer. These were the qualifications, which they were more likely to get in a man of ripe age than a young man. As to the question of the climate not suiting Mr. Hall he would say that

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AMERICAN PROGRESS.

A DISPASSIONATE person looking for light on the fiscal problem will not find much to lead him to a solution in the elaborate array of statistics and diagrams which the Board of Trade have just issued. In the hands of the Free Trader those figures will unquestionably denote progress and the unwisdom of any change in the conditions of British trade. Equally well will they indicate to others, as they do to Mr. Balfour, who has emerged from philosophic doubt on the question, that the growth of trade has not been so great as it ought to have been. In other countries, too, the same diversity of conclusion may be drawn from the economic results of a Protective policy. England has reached her present position under Free Trade. France, Germany, and America, our chief competitors in the world's markets, have attained their's under Protection. It is generally admitted that steam power and the abolition of protective tariffs have produced Britain's industrial position. It is likewise the case that steam power and protective tariffs have developed the industrial greatness of other nations whose growth in this respect continues rapidly. The great difference that the dispassionate observer may note between the effects of antagonistic economic policies is that while agriculture has declined in England it has not yet declined in the countries which are now our greatest rivals in manufactures. But it would be unwise to draw a hasty conclusion from this fact. The figures of the last census taken in the United States show that there the products of the factory and the shop now exceed in value those of the farm. Can it be inferred from this that the United States, pursuing a protective policy, will eventually reach the agricultural situation of England? Americans think not. Looking at the vast areas of fertile land they possess and the growing demand for food-stuffs consequent on the increase of the world's population, they believe there is no possibility of a decline in the agricultural industry. But the census statistics and the everyday facts of Yankee advertisement reveal that the United States are achieving a higher position as a nation of manufacturers than as a nation of agriculturists.

The progress made by the great Republic during the ten years from 1890 to 1900 is strikingly revealed by an article in the current "Century Magazine." The Hon. W. R. Merriam, the Director of the last census, there reviews the figures, and incidentally touches on the fiscal problem in a way which shows the unwisdom of drawing conclusions based on theories. Doctrinaire economists are continually being confuted by the results of every-day life and by conditions undreamt of in the philosophy of the theorists. There has been a growth both in American agriculture and manufactures; but as between two schools of Protectionists, one advocating it as favourable to the cultivation of the soil and the other as a means of developing the country's mineral resources and manufacturing industries, the statistics support the last-named school. The value added in the ten years to raw products by manufacturing processes, and not the final net value of the manufactured goods, was greater by 2,000 million dollars than the net value of agricultural products. Before 1890 the manufactures of the United States were in value below the products of agriculture, but in the industrial development since that date, a period be it noted coincident with the greater protection of the McKinley tariff, the relative position of the two great branches of economic activity has greatly changed. Moreover, each year shows the gap between the two growing wider. The manufacturing establishments included in the census numbered 512,734, employing on an average each year 5,321,389 wage-earners and paying yearly 2,330,578,010 dollars in wages. They produced goods having an aggregate value of 13,039,279,566. The gross value of the articles reported in 1900 was thirty-nine per cent. more than that reported at the previous census. During the same period the area devoted to agriculture increased by thirty-five per cent., the total area in 1900 being considerably over 841 million acres. Coincident with this development has been the growth of the Trusts, which, in the gigantic form they have now assumed in the United States, is almost entirely a phenomenon of the period since 1890. This feature of America's industrial progress is the least admirable to be noted and its results are now claiming the serious attention of American statesmen. Is the Free Trader right in declaring that the Trusts and the labour troubles they have produced are the penalty of an era of ultra-Protection?

There is still room for expansion in the United States both industrially and in population. The census showed, in the States proper, a total of 75,994,575 inhabitants, an increase of over thirteen millions, or twenty-one per cent. in ten years. The increase in New York State, Pennsylvania, and Illinois represents one-fourth of the total growth of population. But there is still plenty of room in the west. Forty per cent. of the people in the area comprised in the Union are found in the States along the Atlantic Coast, which represent under fifteen per cent. of the total area. A division of the mainland into two equal parts shows ninety per cent. of the population in the eastern half. Nor is the tide of emigration westward advancing at the same rate of progression as in former years. The inference is that the native American is slowly, but steadily, becoming less migratory. It is a result of the changed conditions from pioneer days and the advance in prosperity that seventy-nine per cent. of the people born in America remain as inhabitants of their native territory. There are 65,767,451 native Americans, and though the race is now mixed as is no other race in the world there is no longer the danger of the Republic being overwhelmed by the foreigner. Climate and American conditions quickly transform the foreign immigrant into the Yankee and in the United States we have the spectacle of the white races returning to their original union. In the last decade the influx of foreigners exhibited some interesting changes. Though Irish and Germans in the States were still more numerous than other foreign nationalities, their numbers, compared with the previous decade, declined by fourteen per cent. and four per cent. respectively. Emigration and death were the chief factors in this reduction, the number of Irish and German immigrants not being large enough to counteract the decrease. On the other hand, Austrians, Hungarians Italians, Poles, and Russians more than doubled their numbers in the States during the ten years, and in 1900 accounted for seventeen per cent. of the foreign-born population. The statistics concerning the negroes do not suggest that there will be any "black" danger so long as the white population increases at its present rate. The negroes number 8,840,789, or one-tenth of the total inhabitants, and their rate of increase is below that of other elements of the population. It is true that the increase of the whites is not a natural increase, and President Roosevelt has some ground for declaiming on the decline of the birth-rate among them; but, after all is said, the census shows that the rate of increase for native whites of native parentage is slightly in excess of the rate for negroes. The constant stream of immigration ensures to the white population its numerical preponderance over the black race. Moreover, there is the interesting fact that the negroes still prefer to abide in the land of their former bondage. After forty years of freedom, nine-tenths of them remain in the States where slavery formerly prevailed. The proportion of their number dispersed over the rest of the Union in the twenty years from 1880 to 1900 was only two and one-tenth per cent. This suggests that, though the race may produce exceptional individuals, it will take a very long time for the negro in America to shake off the effects of long submission to the white man.

THE RETURN PRESIDENCY MATCH.

LOCAL European cricket lovers are not looking forward to the return cricket match between the Presidency and the Parsis with very hopeful feelings of seeing the Presidency repeat their victories of 1901 and 1902. It is safe to say that never since the institution of the Presidency-Parsi fixtures has European cricket in the Bombay Presidency been at such low water. In previous years there have always been one or more great players in the Presidency team whose efforts as a rule have won the match for their side. Present-day Presidency supporters must look back with regret to the halcyon days when such giants in the game as Poore, Raikes, Steel, Troup, Newnham, Greig, Trask, Jardine, and others of nearly equal calibre, formed the backbone of the teams of their day. Two of the above-mentioned players are still in Bombay, but so rarely don flannels nowadays as to be altogether outside the calculations of the committee responsible for the composition of the team. The flickering fortunes of the game were never more clearly demonstrated than in the present year, for while the Parsis have the pick of all their best players there is an absolute dearth of good players at the disposal of the Presidency, who will consequently be obliged to take the field with a very weak side. The Parsis will make four changes in the team that did duty against the Presidency at Bombay, H. D. Kanga, D. E. Mody, Jimi Mody, and K. B. Mistri standing down in favour of Machliwalla, R. E. Mody, Daruwalla, and Kapadia. These changes in our opinion will materially strengthen the side. Machliwalla, who is stated to be in good form this season, is a very dangerous batsman, and against the weak Presidency bowling on the Poona wicket will probably cause a lot of trouble. R. E. Mody is batting better than his brother D. E. just at present and his selection is a wise one. Daruwalla, in place of Jimi Mody, should also greatly strengthen the batting of the side. The former is an old tried player and has frequently come off against the Presidency. The substitution of Kapadia for K. B. Mistri will probably be found a move in the right direction on the hard true Poona wicket. The latter is a very promising bowler and against the best batsmen in Poona and Bombay this season has met with great success. Turning to the composition of the Presidency eleven we understand that W. F. O. Faviell, H. W. Green, B. M. Carroll, and J. J. McDonogh (Poona), H. Cheetham E. E. Coombs and A. H. S. Aston (Bombay), E. E. A. Manson (Belgaum), and H. C. John (Satara) have already received invitations to play. The other two places will be filled this evening. From a batting standpoint despite the loss of two such valuable players as Weatherby and Sale the batting will be no weaker than it was at Bombay, but the bowling is the department in which we are afraid the Presidency will principally fail. We wish we could write more hopefully of the prospects of the Presidency, but the team is so obviously below the strength of the sides which have done duty in the past that it would be impossible for even the most sanguine supporters of the Presidency to hope for a victory.

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

THE health of the City of Bombay continues to improve. Although the death-rates during the past two months have been very low, there was another very appreciable decrease in the figures during the past seven days. The total mortality recorded in the statistics yesterday was 517 and the rate per thousand per annum 34·64. This is very nearly equal to the figures in the healthiest season of last year, when the aggregate mortality appeared low, because of an almost entire disappearance for the time being of the plague. Last week 558 deaths were recorded and the mille rate was 37·39. During the seven days then there was a decrease of 41 deaths and of 2·75 in the mortality rate. This was due to small decreases in respect of plague, fevers, phthisis, and diseases of the respiratory organs. The rate would have been still lower but for a quite unusual number of deaths from old age and debility, natural causes which are not affected by climate, or by other circumstances appertaining to the health of the town. As compared with the corresponding period of last year there was a decrease of no less than 183 deaths and of 12·26 in the death-rate, and this week's record is even more striking when compared with the average of the past five years, the decreases upon the mean figures being respectively 300 and 18·23. As we have observed there was a decrease in respect of the mortality from plague, and this is all the more satisfactory in view of the fact that in former years a tendency for the deaths from that disease to increase has been noted. The actual decrease in last week's total was 18 deaths. Mandvi again recorded a mortality of 11, but there are now a number of districts in which deaths have not occurred for some time. There were nine more deaths last week than occurred in the corresponding period of last year, but there were 66 less than the average. Only 37 fatal cases of fever were noticed, another remarkably satisfactory figure in view of the fact that the number of deaths from the same cause in the corresponding period of last year amounted to 94, and that the average is no less than 105. There was a decline in respect of the mortality from diarrhœa. The mortality from phthisis and diseases of the respiratory organs is remarkably low, and there is not a single figure which does not compare well with former years. There were two deaths amongst the European community, the health of which has been very satisfactory indeed recently.

AGRICULTURE IN BOMBAY.

The agricultural situation promises well all over the Presidency of Bombay. One or two talukas of the Deccan and one district of Sind need more rain, but elsewhere the supply of water for all purposes is sufficient and prospects are good. The crops are flourishing in Karachi with the exception of rice, which has been slightly damaged by rats in one or two talukas. Cultivators are now engaged with the harvesting of jowari and bajri. In Sukkur the oil-seed crop has been slightly damaged by insects, but all the other crops are in a thriving condition. Damage due to grasshoppers and other insects is reported in Larkhana, Hyderabad, and the Upper Sind Frontier. In Hyderabad the transplantation of rice is now over, and in the Upper Sind Frontier district the preparation of the land for rabi cultivation and the sowing of grain has been completed except in parts of the Thul taluka. The prospects of the crops in Gujerat are very good. Agriculturists are busy in Ahmedabad with the sowing of cotton, jowari, and oil-seeds. In the Viramgam taluka cotton and early-sown bajri are still suffering for want of rain. In the Panch Mahals and Kaira the transplantation of rice is completed and weeding is now in progress. In Kaira the rice crop, which is at present in good condition, will shortly need more rain. In Broach cultivators have concluded the sowing of cotton, and in Surat the resowing of cotton and jowari has commenced. In the latter district the jowari crop has been slightly damaged by excessive rain in parts of the Chikli and Valod taluka, and in the latter area the cotton crop has also suffered. Elsewhere in the district, and indeed all over Gujarat, the jowari and cotton crops are flourishing. Conditions are excellent in the Konkan Damage by excessive rain is reported from one petha of Thana, but elsewhere all the crops are thriving and normal operations are proceeding. In several of the Deccan districts more rain is wanted, but up to the present the crops have not suffered seriously. Elsewhere in the presidency conditions are all that could be desired except in Bijapur and Belgaum, where rabi sowing has been retarded owing to insufficient moisture. Prices as a general rule have been stationary recently.

A MEETING of the Council of his Excellency the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making laws and regulations will be held at the Council Hall, Poona, on Saturday, 3rd October, at 12 noon. The principal business at the meeting will be the first reading of the Bill to amend the Khoti Settlement Act, and the first reading of the Motar-Car Bill.

THEIR Excellencies Lord and Lady Curzon, who were to be the principal guests at the Masonic Ball at Simla, on Tuesday night, found themselves unable at the last moment to be present. His Honour Sir Charles Rivaz and Lady Rivaz attended, and were received by their hosts with impressive Masonic honours. The Town Hall was richly decorated for the occasion, and all Freemasons wore their regalia.

MISS NUNN, a girl residing at Mussoorie, was killed by a flash of lightning during a thunderstorm on Monday.

THE rapid transit galloping ambulance invented by Dr. Avery is to be obtained from Home for trial at the ensuing winter's manœuvres in the Punjab.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantaj Railway for the week ending 1st August amounted to Rs. 1,913, being a decrease on the corresponding week of the last year of Rs. 1,197. Total earnings from 1st July to 1st August were Rs. 11,600, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 4,258.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the week ending 1st August amounted to Rs. 6,123, being a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 645. Total earnings from 1st July to 1st August were Rs. 38,253, being a decrease on the corresponding period of the last year of Rs. 3,137.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Dholka Railway for the week ending 1st August amounted to Rs. 963. Total earnings from 1st July to 1st August were Rs. 6,405.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending September 15th was 517 giving a death-rate of 34·64 per annum per thousand as against 46·90 the corresponding period of last year, and 52·87 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 37 died from fevers; 62, plague; 3, small-pox; 0, measles; 0, cholera; 2, leprosy; 36, phthisis; 39, diseases of the nervous system; 109, affections of the respiratory organs; 33, diarrhœa; 20, dysentery; 46, still-born; 86, old age and debility; 15, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 23; Brahmin, 13; Lingaet, 4; Bhattia, 5; Hindu of other caste, 255; Hindu low caste, 53; Musulman, 116; Parsee, 23; Jew, 3; Native Christian, 16; Eurasian, 3; European, 2; Negro-African, 0; Buddhist, 1. The total number of births was 300 as against 299 the corresponding period of last year, and 274 the average over the past five years.

FREER TRADE.

STRIKING ARGUMENTS IN ITS FAVOUR.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN] asked for an inquiry—an examination of the powers of the free trade idol before which the disciples of Cobden bow their venerable heads—and that has been granted him.

A man with the calculating hobby could doubtless compile interesting statistics on the acres of printed paper that have been devoted to defending and attacking the present fiscal machine, already rusty with age and ready for the scrap-heap. Yet it is a good sign when people write and read by the scores of columns, for it shows that the nation is awake, that it has realised the vast importance of the question, and that it is earnest in its determination to inquire.

The magazines of the month have done their duty by Freer Trade. In their pages some of the cleverest and most practical writers of the day have explained and added point to the suggested fiscal reforms, concerning the advantages of which we shall be called on to decide at the next election. A study of their arguments makes interesting reading. Indeed, there are new facts, new points of view, new suggestions to be gathered on almost every page, says a reviewer in the "Daily Expries".

But we do not all worry through the more solemn magazines. They are too magnificent for the mass of ordinary mortals. So perhaps a few of the more telling points may be reprinted without causing a surfeit of fiscal reform.

There is an article in the "Fortnightly Review," under the signature of "Calchas," which every Little Englander might read with advantage.

OUR EMPIRE'S FUTURE.

The United States and Russia possess huge territories, compact, of increasing population, and producing within themselves materials for food supplies and manufactures. France is self-contained in respect both of agriculture and industry, Germany has protected her agriculture and her manufactures until she has established herself in a magnificent position. Each of these great nations is free from internal tariffs; province can trade with province without restrictive barriers. It is only round the frontier that the protective tariff is raised against the foreigner.

How does our position compare with that of our rivals? Look at the map and you will see that the crimson patches of our Empire are scattered over the globe, divided by deserts and oceans. Four-fifths of the white population are crowded into our little island. We have no free trade within our Empire, nor any pretence to free trade. Indeed, there is a growing movement to draw Canada closer to the United States and Australia into complete isolation. Yet to the Colonies we must look for expansion and development if we are to hold our own in the future against our mighty rivals.

Mr. Chamberlain's scheme of preference would result in the development of the population and resources of the Colonies which would feed the Mother-land, and in the increase of manufactures sent to the Colonies from the giant factory called England. It would draw the scattered units together by the strong bond of self-interest. It would go far to give us within the Empire, despite the dividing distances, a freedom of internal trade such as that which prevails in Russia, America, and Germany. We could take down the placard "Risk" and hoist instead the word "Security."

OUR DOGGED RIVALS.

British exports to countries that compete against us must of necessity decline as nation after nation develops the industries in which we had at one time a monopoly. In neutral markets we cannot hope to do much more than hold our own against the dogged efforts of our rivals. Upon the development of our Colonial trade our commercial supremacy must depend. They are steadily increasing their means of production, they possess vast tracts of land that only require capital and labour to become corn-bearing. In forty years our exports to Canada, South Africa, and Australia have risen from £16,400,000 to £59,000,000.

Are we going to allow them to draw away from us? It is almost as if the State of New York were trying to decide whether or not it were well or ill to allow the Southern and Western States to break from the union.

Mr. H. W. Wilson has contributed one of his straightforward, hard-hitting articles to the "National Review." He points out that the preferencial tax on corn of 2s. a quarter, which would bind us to the Colonies by bonds of self-interest, would mean less than a farthing increase in the price of the loaf and an advance of about 2s. 6d. per adult male per annum, diminishing in the case of women and children.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, as Mr. Wilson continues, has stated that its effect would be to reduce one-third of us to starvation. This remarkable nightmare, however, is no more substantial than any other dream prompted by that gentleman's fiscal indigestion. For when the tax of 1s. a quarter was remitted the summer bread actually rose in price. In July the Liverpool bakers put up the loaf a solid penny; the London bakers raised their price from 5 ½d. to 6d. In other words, the price of bread was sent up far higher than Mr. Chamberlain ever dreamt of proposing. Yet we do not hear that anyone is starving as a result of this rise. What has become of the 12,000,000 people who could not hope to buy bread at 6d.?

Thus do facts confound theories and put the obsolete to shame.

TAXING THE POOR.

Here is another point that Mr. Wilson takes. In West Ham, where the very poor live, the worker has to pay from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. per week for the cost of local administration and the various appliances which modern life requires. This immense rate, this inordinate taxation of house-room, calls forth no protest from the Free Food League. Threepence has been added to the School Board rate in London, or, in other words, a tax of 2s. 6d. a year on the poorest families. Why do not the Cobden Club take up the matter in the interests of the starving?

In the same number Mr. Ernest Williams discusses the theory suggested by the free traders that the clerks and men of the lower middle class would suffer terribly by protective fiscal reform. He points out that despite the fact that only 5 per cent. of the population of the United States are engaged in industries, which benefit by the high protective tariff, practically the whole of the nation is enthusiastic in support of its continuance.

Bankers and lawyers, clerks and farmers, stand side by side in the matter. All men know that from the tariff has come great prosperity to the nation, and that in the times of great prosperity all classes share in the high wages that come from demand for labour of all description.

Take one further point. During the five months, ending in May last, 435,176 tons of manufactured iron and steel were imported into this country. Put upon that iron and steel the very moderate average value of £6 a ton, we get a total of £2,611,056. It is generally computed that of this amount 85 per cent. would represent wages. You have therefore a loss of £2,219,397 to the labour of this country in five months owing to the import of manufactured iron and steel, or, in other words, the throwing out of work of 55,477 men at the rate of £2 a week during the period in question. A repetition of such facts as these is the best antidote to the bread tax.

Mr. M. M. Barrie, in the "Nineteenth Century," points out that in Australia as in England the trade unions are essentially protectionist. Skilled workers object to their work being done by the unskilled, for, they say, it is by such means that wages inevitably fall. The bricklayer, for instance, will not allow his labourer to lay bricks. This is protection with a vengeance. How can the labour leaders who proclaim themselves Free Traders sanction such a state of affairs?

THE tenders for the Madras Municipality's 4 per cent. loan of five lakhs were opened on Tuesday morning. The loan was covered 3 1-2 times over, total amount of tenders being almost exactly 17 1-2 lakhs. The highest tender was Rs. 100-8, and the average will work out to about Rs. 99.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

POWERS AND BULGARIA.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PORTE.

SQUADRON TO BE DESPATCHED.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

It appears that Austria and Russia addressed an official remonstrance to Bulgaria about encouraging the revolutionists. Bulgaria replied by calling out 20,000 Reserves ostensibly for the purpose of doing police duty on the frontiers.

Prince Ferdinand has returned to Sofia.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 17.

The "Daily Chronicle" understands that the British Government has decided to make representations at Constantinople with a view to ending the massacres in Macedonia.

Their representations will be supported by the despatch of a British squardron.

THE FISCAL QUESTION.

BOARD OF TRADE STATISTICS.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

The Board of Trade has issued a Blue Book filled with most elaborate statistics and diagrams dealing with British and foreign trade and industrial conditions. It avoids direct conclusions and merely states facts and figures.

MR. BALFOUR'S POSITION.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S ATTITUDE.

OPINIONS ON THE PREMIER'S PAMPHLET.

The attitude of Mr. Chamberlain in view of Mr. Balfour's pamphlet is being much discussed. It is not believed that he will resign merely because Mr. Balfour ignores the question of preferential trade, but rather that he will be content to await developments without forcing an issue.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 17.

A special cablegram from the "Pioneer's" correspondent, dated London 16th September, says that Mr. Balfour's pamphlet is the chief topic of discussion.

The "Times" says it is clear that the Premier's active sympathies are with Mr. Chamberlain. Whether or not he has convinced all the members of his administration, it is impossible to suppose that he will not meet Parliament and defend his position.

The "Standard" says that the Premier has passed from a stage of open mind to a fixed belief that the tariff framed only for revenue must not longer dominate our policy.

The "Daily Telegraph" believes that a considerable step has been taken in the direction of the goal whither all true Imperialists look.

The "Morning Post" says that the pamphlet sets out problems that cannot be shirked.

The "Daily Chronicle" says the pamphlet confirms the rumours that the Cabinet has decided to drop preferential tariffs in favour of retaliation, while the "Daily News" considers it impossible that the Free Trade members of the Government can continue to hold office under a Protectionist Premier.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE TROUBLE IN TRANSCAUCASIA.

ARMENIAN AGITATION.

RIOTS AND POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 17.

Owing to the growth of the Armenian National Movement in Transcaucasia, a decree has been issued placing the Armenian Church property under Government control, thus preventing the application of the funds to the anti-Russian agitation.

The enforcement of this decree has led to serious riots, especially at Baku, Kars, Tiflis, and Elizabethpool, where the troops fired on the Armenian crowds, killing many of them.

A number of political assassinations which have recently taken place, are attributed to the Armenian Committees were perpetrated openly, the witnesses not daring to interfere.

THE UGANDA RAILWAY.

A NEW COOK'S TOUR.

The Annual Uganda Railway Report says that an arrangement has been made with Thos. Cook and Sons to issue tourist tickets including travel by the railway and Lake steamers. It is understood that tickets will be issued shortly.

THE ADEN HINTERLAND.

HAMPSHIRES' SKIRMISH WITH ARABS.

LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES.

A skirmish has taken place between a party of the Hampshires Regiment and the Arabs in the Aden hinterland.

One man of the Hampshire was killed and four wounded, whilst the Arabs had seven killed and fourteen wounded.

An old lady in Melbourne, an octogenarian, who was in receipt of an old-age pension of seven shillings a week, has just received a legacy of £7,000. She promptly called at the Government Old-Age Pensions Office, had her name taken off the list, and refunded the whole amount she had received from the State in the way of pensions.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

RUMOURED RESIGNATIONS OF MINISTERS.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 17.

Rumours to-day point to important pending resignations in the Cabinet An accredited report says Mr. Chamberlain has resigned. According to another report Mr. Ritchie has resigned and probably Lord George Hamilton.

IMPORTANT FAILURE IN LIVERPOOL.

Great cotton firm in Liverpool of John Wrigley and Sons has suspended payment, greatly affecting the market.

WHITAKER WRIGHT CASE.

Mr. Whitaker Wright has been committed to take his trial.

SIR T. LIPTON ILL.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

Sir Thomas Lipton is seriously ill at Chicago with appendicitis.

KHEDIVE IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

The Khedive arrived at Constantinople to day, and was immediately received by the Sultan, with whom he lunched.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS FOR INDIA.

HELP FROM AMERICA.

Mr. Dharmapala, a Ceylon Buddhist, has been interesting Boston philanthropists on behalf of Industrial schools for Sutra children in India. The equipment for a school at Benares has already been shipped.

THE VICEROY'S AUTUMN TOUR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 17.

Regarding the Viceroy's autumn tour all that is yet settled is that his Excellency leaves Simla on the 9th November, arriving at Patiala on the 10th and leaving on the 12th for Nabha and Jhind. He thereafter goes to Bhawalpur, where he stays three days. The report to which publicity has been given that Lady Curzon thereafter goes to Delhi while the Viceroy visits Karachi and makes a sea trip is altogether premature.

CENTRAL PROVINCES POLITICAL AGENT.

AN ACTING APPOINTMENT.

Major Hugh Daly, Deputy Secretary of the Foreign Department, is officiating as Agent to the Governor-General in Central India vice Mr. Bayley, who leaves by this week's mail on six months' leave. Major Daly will be relieved at Simla at the end of next month by Mr. S. M. Fraser of the Bombay Civil Service, Mr. Bosanquet acting at Indore during the interval.

PLAGUE RETURNS.

HEAVY INCREASE LAST WEEK.

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 17.

A further heavy increase took place last week in the plague mortality in Western India. In the Bombay Presidency the number of deaths rose from 4,753 to 8,885; in the Hyderabad State from 473 to 1,136; in the Berars from 350 to 554; in Central India from 1,330 to 1,446. In the same period Bombay City had 64 deaths, Karachi three, the Madras Presidency 168, Calcutta 13 Bengal 31, the United Provinces 15, the Punjab 56, the Central Provinces 162, Mysore 579, and Rajputana 6.

P. W. D. POSTINGS.

The following are permitted to retire:—Mr. T. H. Clowes, Executive Engineer, Bengal, on duty with the Egyptian Government, with effect from the 23rd instant.

Mr. R. T. Hutchinson, Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Bombay, with effect from the 7th proximo.

Mr. F. W. Licke, from Bengal, officiates as Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Bombay.

THE DURAND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

In the Durand Football Tournament to-day the Simla New Club B. team could make no stand against the R. A. team from Meerut, which beat them as they pleased—six goals to love.

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

FURTHER REINFORCEMENTS.

Arrangements are being made to ship one thousand ekkas with pony and man each, also one thousand camels with establishment, to Somaliland.

It has also been decided to send to Somaliland fifty more sowars and one hundred and fifty camels for the Bikaner Camel Corps.

The Government of India have sanctioned the grant of passages to England to families of the Royal Indian Marine Officers employed on transport duties in Somaliland, but not return passages when the expedition comes back.

THE POONA BADMINTON TOURNAMENT.

POONA, SEPTEMBER 17.

The Poona Open Badminton Tournament, which was finished about two days ago, was not as good as anticipated. Entries were small, and play was not up to the high standard of former years. Betham and Duxbury came out winners without much difficulty. Duxbury, as usual, was in great form, receiving good support from Betham, and Barraclough and Hume laboured under the disadvantage of not having practised together and having to play in a strange court. Neither Beale nor Jackson played up to their usual form.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The Right Hon. Henry Stafford Baron Northcote, G.C.I.E., C.B., resigns the Honorary Colonelcy of the Bombay Volunteer Rifles.

Jack Forsyth Burn, Gentleman, becomes 2nd-Lieutenant of the 1st Battalion, G. I. P. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps, to complete the establishment.

THE ACTION AGAINST A CLERGYMAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 17.

In the case brought by Mr. P H Pierpoint against the Rev. G. Maconochie, Chaplain of Asansole, in which the latter is alleged to have refused Holy Communion to the former, a written statement was permitted to be filed by the defendant yesterday, on payment of Rs. 40, costs of the day, and the 6th November was fixed for settlement of the issues. The defendant categorically denies all the plaintiff's allegations and prays that the suit be dismissed with costs.

A RUSSIAN BANK IN CALCUTTA.

A Russian bank will shortly be established in Calcutta and suitable premises are being secured.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY IN CALCUTTA.

The usual St. Andrew's Dinner will be held in Calcutta this year. Sir Francis Maclean has been asked to preside and Mr. Norman Mcleod will be croupier.

THE TILAK CASE.

POONA, SEPTEMBER 17.

A short time ago Mr. Tilak was convicted and sentenced to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000. He applied to the District Judge for bail; pending his appeal his application was granted. In the meantime Mr. Clements, the Special Magistrate who tried the case and convicted Mr. Tilak, issued a distress warrant for the recovery of the fine inflicted. The police went to the house of Mr. Tilak and showed him the warrant. He objected to pay on the plea of the illegality of the warrant. The police, therefore, attached a chest-of-drawers containing Rs. 1,000 in currency notes in the presence of the panch, and so recovered the amount of the fine. It is understood that Mr. Tilak intends to move the District Magistrate of Poona, in regard to the action of the police in recovering the fine under the above circumstances.

A JEWEL ROBBERY.

A daring jewel robbery has been committed in the shop of Messrs. A. Dinshaw and Co., carrying on business in Main Street. The suspected are Pathans, too many of whom have now made their home in Poona.

They entered by the back-door, which they smashed; then broke the lock of another back-door leading into the shop, and helped themselves to a variety of silver ornaments—bracelets, necklets, Albert chains, lockets, charms, and some old coins of the aggregate value of Rs. 300. The people of the shop live a few yards from it, and heard sounds which they supposed to issue from a neighbouring shop, and took no notice. The thieves made an exit with their loot. Police enquiries are going on.

THE OPEN LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The following are the results of to-day's play in the Open Lawn Tennis Tournament:—Gentlemen's Singles—Pikes beat Barraclough, 2-6, 10-8, 6-4; Reid beat Lawrence, 6-1, 7-5; Betham beat Pikes, 6-3, 8-7. To-morrow the finals will be played off in the Gentlemen's Singles between Reid and Betham.

THE PRESIDENCY-PARSI MATCH.

CONSTITUTION OF THE TEAMS.

The following have been selected for the Presidency team up to date:—Messs. Meade, Cheetham, Manson, Greene, Macdonogh, Faviell, B. M. Caroll, Campion, and A. L. Smith. Two more players will be selected after the Poona-Bombay match.

The following gentlemen have been selected by the Parsi Presidency Match Committee to play for the Parsis against the Presidency XI at Poona on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd current. The team, which is as follows, will leave Bombay for Poona on Sunday the 20th idem by 2 p. m. train:—Dr. M. E. Pavri (Captain); Messrs. K. M. Mistry; M.D. Bulsara; D.D. Kanga; F. P. Meherhomji; F. Colabawalla; D.M. Raja (senior); R.E. Mody; D.C. Daruwalla: K. Kapadia and B. C. Machlivalla. Umpire, Mr. K. K Kharas. Scorer and Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. M. Divacha.

SWEEPERS' STRIKE AT POONA.

The sweepers in the city, numbering some 300, went on strike this morning, and not one of them turned out to do work. On receiving information of the strike Dr. Satpute, Health Officer, accompanied by his head inspectors, repaired to Mungalwar Peth, where a large number of the Municipal sweepers stay, but learnt that they had all repaired to Bhowani Peth to hold a consultation on the open flat. He proceeded there and endeavoured to make them return to duty. As they all spoke at the same time and would not listen, it was necessary to tell them to select a spokesman. This was done, and the complaint was that they were systematically blackmailed. They had forwarded a petition on the 2nd January to the Chief Health Officer, but received no reply, though they then intimated their intention of going on strike if their grievances were not redressed. The doctor told them to put their grievances in writing, which would be taken to the Health Officer at one o'clock, when redress was promised if the grievances were found reasonable. This official with others waited at one o'clock for the sweepers, who have decided to remain on strike. At half-past three they repaired to the Health Officer's office and gave a sort of promise of returning to work, though it is feared they will not do so but contiuue on strike, which will cause great inconvenience and endanger the health of the city, which is not overclean.

THE NORTHCOTE CHALLENGE CRICKET SHIELD FINALS.

The finals of the Northcote Challenge Shield between the Elphinstone College and the College of Science have come off. The attendance was very large. The Elphinstone College completed their innings for 80 runs. Afterwards a big storm came on with thunder and lightning, and the cricket pitch and its surroundings were a miniature lake. The large boundary screen went down and the spacious tent collapsed, the occupants getting a good drenching. Play had to be adjourned till to-morrow morning. The following are the scores:—

ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE.

1ST INNINGS.

Shathe, run out	12
Kased b Agashe	4
Commissariatwalla st Gobtal b Joshi	17
Nesbat Khan c Agashe b Joshi	5
Mulla, c Irani, b Harvo	13
Mehta b Harvo	0
Cooper b Joshi	3
Talikarkhan b Joshi	9
Muneif b Agashe	0
Engineer b Joshi	0
Vakil not out	2
Extras	5
Total	80

NASIK GOLF WEEK.

WEST OF INDIA TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

NASIK, SEPTEMBER 15.

Following the heavy rain of Monday, came fine bright weather on Tuesday morning, and with it excellent golfing ground for the 16 couples who turned out to compete for the Handicap, many of whom hoped to be in the 8 returning the best scratch scores and thus to qualify for the Club Cup competition by match play. Scoring was, however, high, nobody doing better than 86 and the others tailed off into the nineties. Here are the best of the scores:—

Mr. Fry	86
Major Anderson	86
Captain Armstrong	88
Mr. Meikle	90
Colonel Carter	90
Mr. Jones	90
Mr. Wroughton	91

Fortune did not smile on Messrs. Boyd and Pechey, both of whom we expected to see in the first eight. The former had a bad attack of fever the day before and was scarcely able to play, while the latter was lamentably off his game, and, finishing up in a bunker guarding the eighteenth green, took nine to the hole and raised his score to 94.

For the handicap Mr. Heaton got round in 96, and this, less his 14 points, gave him an easy win, Mr. Wroughton, who has come back to his form of many years ago, getting 2nd prize.

Below are details of the scores and the handicap:—

		Nett
Mr. Heaton	96—14	82
Mr. Wroughton	91— 6	85
Mr. Fry	86—scr	86
Mr. Brand	95— 8	87
Mr. Armstrong	88—scr	88
Major Anderson	83 + 4	90
Captain Jones	90 scr	90
Mr. Meikle	90 scr	90
Mr. Plunkett	97— 6	91
Colonel Carter	90 + 2	92

Others 93 and over.

In the afternoon, Captain Leman, who played a strong game in spite of a damaged hand, won the President's Cup with a score of 87—one point less than Colonel Carter's winning score last year. Mr. Wroughton, again playing a sound game, annexed the Handicap with a nett score of 85. The results were a little disappointing. Several rounds of less than 85 have been done in practice games and it was expected that the best Cup of the meeting would not be won with a higher score than 84. As it was, all the scratch players failed to do near their best, Colonel Carter and Mr. Pechey taking 93 and 92 respectively, while Major Anderson and Mr. Fry returned cards of 88 and 89. I append the best twelve scores:—

	H'cap	Total	Nett Sc
Mr Wroughton	—4	89	85
Capt. Leman	plus 2	87	89
Mr Walker	—3	96	90
Mr Fry	plus 2	89	91
Mr Thubron	—12	103	91
Mr Millett	—12	104	92
Major Anderson	plus 4	88	92
Mr Pechey	plus 2	92	94
Mr Meikle	scr.	94	94
Col Carter	plus 2	93	95
Capt. Jones	scr	95	95
Mr Sewell	—3	98	96
Mr Armstrong	scr	91	96

It is to be hoped that next year the President's Cup will not be played for till later on in the week, when visitors will have got more used to the course, and have had time to get into their game.

The draw for the West of India Cup, to be played off under match play rule, is as follows:—

Cartar vs. Fry.
Leman vs. Armstrong.
Wroughton vs. Meikle.
Anderson vs. Jones.

The Ladies' Bogey Handicap for the Mr. Heaton's prize resulted as follows:—

	H.' cap.	Total.
Mrs R Anderson (Poona)	scr.	2 up
Mrs Northcote	—1	2 down
Mrs Carter	—13	3 down
Miss N McCormack	—12	4 down
Mrs Bowers	—7	5 down
Miss Hutchinson	—13	6 down
Mrs Stewart	—10	7 down
Mrs Shaw	—7	7 down
Mrs A Anderson (Nasik)	scr.	7 down
Miss Manwaring	—13	8 down
Mrs Luck	—13	9 down
Miss McCormack	—9	9 down
Mrs S Reed	—12	10 down
Mrs Edis	—13	12 down
Miss Adam	—13	13 down

Mrs. Anderson's win was a very fine performance. She is quite the best lady player we have ever seen in Nasik.

SEMI-FINALS FOR THE CLUB CUP.

NASIK, SEPTEMBER 17.

Thursday morning in the semi-finals for the Club Cup Anderson beat Carter, 1 up; Leman beat Wroughton, 2 and 1. In the afternoon Scratch Foursomes Sewell and Wroughton beat Fry and Anderson, 3 up and 2; Carter and Leman beat Stansfield and Carnegie, 4 up and 3; Muir Mackenzie and Boyd scratched to Piechey and Meikle; Jones and Armstrong beat Greaves and Steven 7 up and 4. The winner of the Bombay Bangle was Mrs. Shaw, 89 less 10.

THE BISHOP OF BOMBAY.

A FAREWELL MISSION MEETING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPT. 17.

The Panch Howds Mission Staff and members of the congregation assembled in a large schoolroom yesterday for the purpose of presenting the Bishop of Bombay with some beautiful gifts in anticipation of his approaching departure. The gifts included some of the finest work done in the school of embroidery and also choice specimens of good carving. The building was tastefully decorated; and the proceedings, which included speeches and sacred music, were very enthusiastic. At the close of the function the large congregation adjourned to the church, where they received the Bishop's bles sing.

CRICKET AT POONA.

POONA vs. BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

The annual cricket match, Poona versus Bombay Gymkhana, commenced to-day. The visitors won the toss and went in first. The ground was rather heavy and the wicket was very bad. Only two players made double figures, namely Messrs. Aston and Coombs, the former scoring 20 and the latter 17. The Gymkhana completed their innings before tiffin for a total of 75 runs. Several chances were missed in the field.

A couple of showers during the afternoon did not improve the prospects of the visitors, when Poona went for their first innings. Heavy scoring was the order and very few chances were given. Score upto time 211 for six wickets down. The following are the scores:—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

FIRST INNINGS.

A H Aston, c Lyon, b Manson	20
H Scott, c and b Manson	5
W H Carroll, b Macdonogh	4
E Priestley, c Manson, b Macdonogh	8
E S Beman, c Faviell, b Macdonogh	0
Captain Hughes, b Macdonogh	4
Captain Macdonell, c Sargan, b Manson	0
Harrington, c Faviell, b Manson	4
E E Coombs, c Carroll, b Macdonogh	17
Captain Stiffe, c Smith, b Macdonogh	7
Captain Creagh, not out	3
Extras	3
Total	75

BOMBAY ANALYSIS.

	O	M	R	W
MacDonogh	18	4	33	6
Manson	15	2	26	4
Faviell	1	1	0	0

POONA GYMKHANA.

FIRST INNINGS.

W N Faviell, c Coombs, b Carroll	31
B E Manson, b Harrington	16
A Smith, not out	72
B M Carroll, c Hughes, b Stileman	21
J MacDonogh, c Priestley, b Macdonald	36
C Lyon, b Coombs	9
W Greeo, c Priestley, b Coombs	4
Kearsey, not out	1
Davy, Sergent, Hazelton — To bat.	
Extras	21
Total	211

The match will be resumed to-morrow.

BOMBAY ROVERS' TOURNAMENT.

SEAFORTHS vs. ARGYLLS.

One of the best matches yet witnessed in the Bombay Rovers' Tournament was played last evening on the Cooperage by the teams of the Seaforths and Argylls. There was a crowded attendance of spectators. The Argylls kicked off towards Colaba and the game opened with a rush by the Seaforths' left wing to their opponents' goal. The Argyl's goal-keeper was called upon to handle in the first minute of the game, but the ball was cleared and the Argylls' left wing raced straight away to the other end where a chance was lost by a miss kick. The ball went to the middle of the field, but the Argylls' front rank came again and their centre tried a long shot which the goal-keeper got away. The Argylls forwards, however, were not to be repulsed, and as the result and some clever passing in front of goal their inside left netted the ball five minutes after the commencement of the game. This reverse nettled the Seaforths, who raced away and their outside left centred well. No one was up to receive the ball, however, and as the result of a long punt by the Argylls' left back their outside left got hold of the ball and, completely beating the Seaforths' left back, put in a nicely-placed shot which reached the corner of the net. Eight minutes after the start the Argylls were thus two goals ahead and with this big advantage they continued to press They passed very prettily, and their backs effectually kept the game out of their own half. The Argylls' left back kicked magnificently and never made a mistake, and the forwards were quick enough on the ball to give the Seaforths' defence a very busy time. Once the Seaforths got away and their centre half put in a stinger, but the Argylls' custodian was ready for it and cleared nicely. The Argylls during the whole of the half indeed had the measure of their opponents and beat them all round. A foul low down against the Seaforths' might have caused them trouble, but their right back kicked well, and their outside right broke away. He centred when well placed, but no one was ready to take the ball, and a possible chance was thus lost. However, for a few minutes the Seaforths forced the game, and by clever work amongst their forwards twice got within negociable distance of goal. Their left outside sent in a shot from an almost impossible angle which gave the Argylls' goal-keeper some trouble. However, they were unable to keep up the pressure, and when the whistle was blown for half-time the score stood:—Argylls 2 goals; Seaforths 0 goal.

On resumption the Argylls at once resumed the pressure, and penned their opponents in their own half. The Argylls' inside left again distinguished himself by tricky play, and twice took the ball up the wing himself. The Seaforths' defence, however, defended valiantly, and, after some ineffectual shooting on the part of the Argylls' front rank, the venue of the struggle was changed, and the Seaforths had hard lines in not bringing to a successful issue a piece of combined good work on the part of their forwards. A long shot forced the Argylls' goal-keeper to leave his charge, and the Seaforths' centre had the goal at his mercy. He was hustled, however, and put the ball outside. The Argylls then resumed command of the game and once more penned their opponents up in their own quarters. The standard of the play fell off towards the end of the game, but the Argylls continued to have the best of the exchanges. There was no further scoring and the game ended:—

Argylls	2
Seaforths	0

The following were the teams:—

Seaforths—Goal: Pte. Fairbairn; backs: Ptes. Macpherson and Lance-Corporal Stephens; half backs: Ptes. Rennie, Galbraith, and Leys; forwards: Lieutenant Buchanan, Ptes. Macnamara, Duncan, Drummond and Lance-Corporal Munnoch.

Argylls—Goal: Pte. Coventry; backs: Corporal Silcock and Pte. Wallace; half-backs: Ptes. McLean, McGovan, and Mowatt; forwards, Ptes. Pollock, Lockhart, Quin, Montgomery, and Hogg.

WARWICKS vs. WEST YORKS.

REPLAYED TIE.

A capital match was witnessed, yesterday morning, on the Cooperage, in the first round of the Bombay Rovers' Tournament between the Warwicks and West Yorks. It will be remembered that the teams met on Tuesday evening and were unable to come to a definite decision. The game yesterday was fast and exciting from start to finish. The first half produced a keen struggle, and though there were many exciting passages in front of goal neither side were able to score until about a minute before half time, when Millward with a capital shot found the net for the Warwicks.

The teams got to work with renewed vigour after the interval, and for fifteen minutes, owing principally to a capital defence on both sides, there was no more scoring. Then, however, Millward again got down and made no mistake, a second goal resulting to the Warwicks. The West Yorks were undismayed and for the next five minutes had the best of the game. Their efforts eventually were rewarded The front rank, working very hard, forced a corner, which was nicely placed and the ball was sent in from close quarters. Locke, the Warwicks' custodian, made an attempt to clear, but the ball slipped through his hands, and the West Yorks thus scored their first and only goal. The rest of the game was just as interesting and both teams worked very hard. But there was no more scoring before the game ended.

Warwicks.....2 Goals
West Yorks.....1 Goal.

ALLEGED COTTON FRAUDS.

At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Karsondas Chhabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Luxmidas Naranji, trading in the name of Sunderji Keshavji appeard to show cause why a process should not be issued against him on charges of fraud and cheating, in respect of 159 bales of cotton belonging to the firm of Oodeylal Dhadha doing business in Kalbadevi Road.—Mr. R. D. N. Wadia, barrister-at-law, appeared for the petitioners, and Mr. S.B. Kapadia, pleader, with Mr. H. P. Dastur, pleader, appeard for the respondent. Chunilal Motilal, a 'munim' in the firm of Oodeylal Dhadha, stated that on the 11th August, his masters entered into a contract with the accused for the sale of 159 bales of Bhilwada cotton. On the 14th August his firm delivered 159 bales of cotton to the accused on his promising to pay for the same the following day according to the custom of the trade. Eventually on the 17th August the accused handed to his firm a cheque for Rs. 11,200 on the price Bank of Bombay on account of the bales. On the 18th August the cheque was presented to the Bank but was dishonoured. He believed that when the accused gave the cheque to his masters' firm, he (accused) knew that he had no money to his credit with the Bank. Knowing this the accused took delivery of the bales. He (accused) had neither the intention nor the means of paying for the bales, and his intention was to defraud his firm. On the day the accused took delivery of the bales, he pledged the same with the Bank of Bombay.

Further hearing was adjourned.

At their meeting yesterdayt he Bombay Municipal Corporation considered the report of the Committee appointed to invite applications by advertisement for the post of Municipol Executive Engineer, and to enquire into the qualifications of the applicants and to submit names of the most elegible candidate or candidates. The committee recommended two candidates namely, Mr. Joseph Hall, M. Inst., C.E., M.I. Mech, E., &c., and Mr. Charles Antony. The Hon. Mr. P. M. Metha moved that Mr. Joseph Hall be appointed Executive Engineer for a period of five years on a salary of Rs. 1,500 a month, the cost of his passage to Bombay to be paid by the Corporation. Mr. Baptista moved on amendment that Mr. Charles Antony be appointed Executive Engineer for a period of five years on a salary of Rs. 1,200. Both the proposition and amendment were under discussion, when the Corporation adjourned till this afternoon.

NOTE SFROM PARIS.

END OF THE HUMBERT TRIAL.

KING GEORGE IN PARIS.

FRENCH PRESS ON LORD SALISBURY.

PARIS, AUGUST 28.

The great Humbert trial is over, the "revelations" have all been made, and we may proceed to count the cost in moral reputations. Alas! for this interesting family, their best-laid schemes have not saved them from a trickster's fate. Their highly-coloured stories have petered out into pure blague. The nation that was to be shaken to its very foundations has hardly even been passably thrilled. The Combes Ministry, if it falls in the autumn, will not owe it to Mme. Humbert. One may have the right to assume that the Government was not particularly anxious to bring about her arrest without thereby compromising the present rulers of France. Popular excitement is a dangerous dog to let loose, especially across Channel, and the Place Beauvau may well have had its qualms at the thought of allowing the great adventuress, through the medium of the law courts, and the still greater publicity of the journals, to scatter her accusations far and wide and to besmirch the reputations of those who sit in high places. But one may be certain that, whilst the Cabinet was chary of setting the Boulevards on fire, it had no real fear of these disclosures which Mme. Humbert had hinted at with such audacious persistency throughout the course of the trial. Unfortunately for the full development of her plan, a little corner of the curtain was prematurely raised. People had an unedifying peep into her Chamber of Horrors.

In the columns of one of the most important news-papers—albeit that it is trying to forget that it championed Dreyfus—was an attack on M. Pelletan, Minister of Marine. We were told that he was paid out of the Humbert millions for a speech delivered in the Chamber on behalf of the election of Frederic. Then there was the story of a letter—a registered letter—in which Farayre, the inestimable factotum of Therese, is said to have dwelt on his knowledge of the circumstance, and to have suggested that the Minister should exercise his influence to procure his release at a time when justice was taking an embarassing interest in him because of his connection with the family of the Avenue de la Grande Armee. Now there was the fact that he had been released a few days after the supposed reception of the letter at the Ministry of the Marine, and there was the letter itself and the post-office receipt set out in cold print in the newspaper. What more could the Parisian public want? Unfortunately, that other great Affaire, which looms away at the back of everything in modern France, has taught the world the capabilities of the forger. And so people shook their heads and said our esteemed contemporary had been deceived. To believe, indeed, the contrary is not to know the character of Pelletan. Strange may be his ideas of naval policy, but his honesty is not in question. His uncouthness may inspire the caricaturists and his sans gene the retailers of Boulevard potin, but for all that he is immeasurably superior in moral worth to hosts of his detractors. And so the Humbert bomb proved to be only ballasted with sand. But the Minister of Justice was also assailed by the vindictive tongue of Mme. Therese. He has emerged as victoriously as the other. There is no serious reason for accusing M. Valle of having exceeded his role of lawyer in conducting the case of M. Cattaui—the action that brought about the flight, or, as she prefers to put it, "the departure," of Mme. Humbert. Thus the Government is not a penny the worse for all the moral indignation of the "lady of a hundred millions."

Even the most irresponsible Frenchman who sips his politics with his absinthe and likes it to have about the same consistency, can hardly accuse M. Loubet of complicity in the frauds because he once shot pheasants at Vives Eaux (if there happen to be any there). To find his hostess in the dock gives the guest an uncomfortable sensation, but he does not necessarily reproach himself with being "particeps criminis." And the Republic is just as firm upon its legs as ever it was. Indeed, one may say that the average Frenchman, to-day, is more satisfied with himself and his form of government than for years past. He has an almost childish sensitiveness to praise or blame. And therefore, when he sees the Democratic son of his own Democratic institutions received with gracious cordiality by England's King and cheered by the citizens of London, he glows with conscious self-esteem. And is there not much to flatter him in the face of Europe? Spain is making obvious overtures; Italy is fast undoing the handiwork of Crispi, and even the Emperor William is ostentatiously patting French art on the back. From London and Berlin, from Madrid and Rome, Marianne has been receiving little billets doux. Incorrigible coquette as she is, can she fail to blush her pleasure at her conquests? And so Therese is but a harmless bogey, after all; and the Crawfords will not disturb the vacation slumbers of M. Combes. Whether there are not other lessons to draw—the need of a sweeping judicial reform in Farnce—that is another story.

King George of Greece, who has been paying a flying visit to Paris, en route to Marienbad to meet King Edward, is a great favourite with Parisians, and a greater with the inhabitants of Aix-les-Bains. It has been said of his Majesty that if he does not govern at that favourite watering-place, he at least reigns there for a month every year; and it is true that for more than twenty years the King has not missed a season at Aix. Every one knows his Majesty, and during his stay the greatest happiness of the natives is to find an excuse for getting in the King's way, so that they may pay him reverence and receive a kindly smile or a Royal salute in return. When he is at Aix his Majesty does not stand on etiquette, but mixes with the pleasure-seeking throng and dines with his aid de-camp or his medical adviser at the Grand Cercle or the Villa des Fleurs, with much less ostentation than many a commoner. The King is popular with every one, but he is especially beloved of the poor and humble, for his heart and hand are always open to those who stand in need of help, and his truly royal charity is inexhaustible. How well the people know the King and how attached they are to his person is evident from the following anecdote: One summer—I believe it was the season following the assassination of President Carnot—the French Government, through excess of caution, surrounded the King with a burdensome escort of detectives, who made his Majesty's life miserable. One day the King, as was his custom, went for a walk in the country, and, as his Majesty was alone, a plain-clothes agent kept him well in view, never losing sight of him. So evidently was he shadowing the King that a brave peasant, mistaking his intentions and taking him for an anarchist, approached his Majesty, saluted him respectfully, and in a mysterious whisper said: "Beg pardon, your Majesty, but there's 'one of them' following you. But keep your mind easy; I've got my eye on him."

The French papers have contained laudatory articles on Lord Salisbury. The following are brief extracts:—The "Gaulois": Among the great men stubborn and proud who have governed England, Lord Salisbury has been one of the proudest and the most stubborn. Among the politicians he has shown the least variation. The "Figaro": Men of all parties and all countries will respectfully salute, as he passed into history this great statesman. The "Matin": The last of those great statesmen—Disraeli Gladstone Salisbury—who succeeded in imposing their will on their contemporaries vanishes in the person of Lord Salisbury. The "Temps": Lord Salisbury leaves behind him the remembrance of a man who always knew what he wanted and was not afraid to say so. The "Echo de Paris": It is no exaggeration to say that it is to Lord Salisbury that England owes her present proud and indispatable position as the first among the great nations of the world. The "Debates": Lord Salisbury's moderation and firmness were the strength of British Imperialism. The "Francai's:" The exalted influence and the profound wisdom of King Edward

who is to-day the leading statesman of Great Britain, have already done much to repair the errors committed by Lord Salisbury.'

An extraordinary scene has been witnessed at the Redemptorist monastery of Les Sables d'Olonne. The monks having refused to obey an order of expulsion under the Associations Law, a considerable number of troops and gendarmes surrounded the monastary to forcibly expel them. A crowd of young men had shut themselves up with the monks and had barricaded the gates. When the police magistrate arrived he was received with cries of 'Long live the priests!' 'Long live the army!' The magistrate commanded the monks three times to admit him, and when they refused, ordered scaling ladders to be placed against the walls. A shower of tiles and broken glass was the answer, and one of the gendarmes who was attempting to break open a gate was struck and badly cut. A fire engine was next used to dislodge the defenders, and they were driven from their position by jets of water. When a breach was finally made in the walls surrounding the gardens, nearly 100 women and children, soaking wet, were found standing round the monastery. The monks and the young men had retired within the building where they still held out against the besiegers. The doors having been burst open, a number of the young men were put under arrest; but the monks had climbed upon the roof through a trap-door, and refused to come down. Then the hose was tried again, and the monks, drenched to the skin, decided to capitulate. The superior, however, refused to budge, and had to be forcibly dragged down.

A good deal of interest is being taken in the forthcoming international motor-launch contest from Paris to Deauville. No such match has ever taken place before, and the "Yachting Gazette" and the "Velo," which have organized the affairs, deserve to be congratulated on the response with which their efforts have met. No fewer than fifty-six craft have entered for the match, including the "Napier," to be steered by Mr. Edge. Another British competior is Miss Levitt, who drove a 12-h.p. Napier motor-car from Land's End to John o'Groats. The start will be made on Sunday. The cash prizes and medals, works of art, and other rewards for the successful competitors exceed in value £300. M. Gaston Menier has, in addition, presented a sp cial and valuable challenge cup, to be called after his name, and to be competed for at the termination of the Paris-Trouville race, between Trouville and Deauville.

M. Combes' speech to an audience of 2,000 of his constituents at Saintes, near Rochelle, was, perhaps, more in an anti-clerical tone than any utterance the Premier has yet made. He said he expected no justice of reactionists. He was aware that he had earned their everlasting hatred on account of the Act on Monastic Orders. This was really a defensive Act against clericalism, and clericalism was the mortal enemy of the Republic. He was fortunate enough to dislodge it from the fortified positon in which it had been able to entrench itself for years through the connivance or the blindness of several Administrations. M. Combes, speaking amid ringing cheers, said he was resolved to continue the fight. This determination rendered him callous to insults, threats, prayers, supplications, entreaties, and calumnies. "Everything slides off the breastplate I have put on in order to guard myself against any weakness on my own part."

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

The appointment of Monsieur R. Ries as Consular Agent for France at Aden is recognised.

Mr. E. Van der Straaten, Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Karachi, is granted privilege leave for two months and twenty-seven days from the 22nd September.

Mr. E. Wilkin acts as Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Karachi, during the absence of Mr. Van der Straaten, or pending further orders.

Mr. F. Fletcher to becomes Deputy Director of Agriculture, Bombay Presidency.

Mr. G. W. Hatch, I.C.S., Assistant Collector, Ratnagiri, is allowed leave on urgent private affairs for four months.

Mr. A. W. W. Mackie, I. C. S., becomes Assistant Collector, Ratnagiri, vice Mr. G. W. Hatch, I. C. S., proceeding on leave.

Mr. F. J. A. Hill, Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue, Bombay, has been allowed an extension of furlough for one month.

Mr. H. G. Bulkley, Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue, Bombay, has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Captain J. H. McDonald, M.B., C.M., I.M.S., Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, becomes Certifying Surgeon within the local limits of the City of Bombay instead of the Presidency Surgeon.

Captain A F W King, IMS., has been placed on general duty with effect from the 22nd August,

Captain V. B Bennett, M.B., I.M.S., acts as Medical Officer to the Kathiawar Political Agency and in charge of the West Hospital Rajkot, vice Major J. B. Jameson, M.B., I.M.S., and during the absence of Major B.B. Grayfoot, IMS, or pending further orders.

Mr. P. J. Mead, B. A. (Cantab.) I. C. S., is appointed Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

Lieutenant-Colonel O. H. Channer, MB, CM, (Ed.), D. P. H., I. M. S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. R. W. Murphy is appointed to do duty as Assessor of the Tribunal of Appeal vice Mr. H. V. R. Kemball, resigned, pending further orders.

THE BURDEN OF SOCIAL CUSTOMS IN BROACH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In a recent issue of your paper you have reviewed the records about the Revision Survey Settlements of two Broach Talukas. In the course of that review, you have expressed the views of the Collector, Mr. G. D. Panse, about the deterioration among the agriculturists. I take the liberty of quoting below an extract from that review, as I think that it should be widely circulated, for the information of the leaders of the native community. "Vagra is a poor taluka, but we have it on the authority of Mr. G. D. Panse that the deterioration among the agriculturists is more the result of their mode of living, and various pernicious social habits and customs, than of a heavy assessment. Even when their prosperity was gone the customs remained the same, and they were in a sense obliged to spend as much as they had been ones spending when rich. Several landlords had thus to mortgage, even sell, their land for the preservation of their so-called honour, and he was persuaded that, even if the Government were to exempt the cultivators from all assessment, it was doubtful whether there would be any material change in their present condition unless and until their present customs or habits are modified."

The Hon. Mr Gokuldas Kahandas Parakh, the Guzerat elected member of the Bombay Legislative Council, who has been persistently carrying on a great agitation for a reduction of the land assessments, should take note of Mr. Panse's views. If he agrees with Mr. Panse, he should try to use his influence with the Guzarat native community and bring about the removal of the pernicious social habits and customs of the people concerned. If, however, he disagrees with Mr Panse's views he should publicly contradict them.—Yours, &c,

MODERATION.

The Government have decided to include in the annual finance and revenue accounts a statement giving particulars of all loans raised under Government guarantee by Railways, Native States, local authorities, and other public bodies.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS. Diseases of the Skin. No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scurvy and eruptions, which had resisted all other modes of treatment, and gradually become worse, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself, and leave the constitution free from every morbidityaint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burns, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may always safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.

FOURTH CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Hon. Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, presided at a sitting of the fourth Criminal Sessions yesterday; and the trial of the following case was continued before his Lordship and the same common jury.

COUNTERFEITING KING'S COINS.

Abdul Hamidkhan Bahadurkhan, Abdul Latiffkhan Abdul Gafoorkhan, and Abdul Majidkhan, Abdul Hamidkhan were placed at the bar charged with counterfeiting King's coins and being in possession of implements and materials for counterfeiting coins. Mr. Binning instructed by Mr. Nicholson, Public Prosecutor, appeared for the Crown, and Mr. Jinnah for the second accused.

The evidence of witnesses for the prosecution was continued; and Mahomed Yusuf Yakoob was called.

Mr. Jinnah submitted that this witness Yakoob ought to have been placed in the dock along with the other prisoners.

His lordship said he could not place him in the dock, and asked the counsel to point out any section under which he could do so. All he could do was to treat the witness as an accomplice, and to tell the jury so.

THE INFORMER'S STORY.

The witness was then examined. He said he was 13 or 14 years of age and came to Bombay from Bhopal with his father. He lived with his father until the latter's death four or five months ago. He then went and lived in the shop of accused No. 1 near the corner of the Jamsetjee Hospital. It was a pansopari shop, and witness attended it for a month or two. Witness went one afternoon to accused No. 1, who was in Chindi Bazar. He gave him five rupees, telling him to give him one rupee at a time and keep the rest. No. 1 used to drink tea or sodawater at a shop, and returned to witness about fifteen annas or so for the rupee. He then took another rupee and gave witness fifteen annas; and did so until the five rupees were dealt with. No. 1 then gave witness four annas, and took all the other change from him. The following day No. 1 gave witness ten rupees, and taking one rupee at a time, made small purchases and handed to witness the change he obtained for each rupee. Accused No. 1 did so for four successive days. He gave him fifteen rupees each on the third and fourth days. Accused got change and gave it to witness on those days. The change was obtained at different shops. Witness than took up a betel-nut shop and separated from accused. One day accused came to him at his shop and induced him to close that shop and attend another at Khadak which accused had opened. Witness attended the accused's shop at Khadak and the other accused No. 2 also came there. Witness was then taken to the bazar, and placed to charge of rupees, and accused No. 1 and 2 passed the rupees one by one. Witness was taken to accused's residence at Duncan Road. It was a dewankhana with a partition in the middle. Witness sat outside while the three accused were engaged in manufacturing rupees. There was a canvas partition wall, and witness could see into the room through holes in the canvas. Witness used to visit the shop of a watchmaker, to whom he mentioned what he had seen in the accused's room. On the 3rd instant, witness went with the police to the house in Duncan Road, where the accused were arrested. Witness described the way in which he had seen the accused manufacturing rupees. Besides the watchmakers, witness also gave information to a havaldar in plain clothes.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jinnah, witness said he was not arrested on the 3rd instant, with the accused. He did not mention to the police that he had been assisting the accused for four days in passing rupees, it was not true that the police wanted to arrest witness unless he agreed to give evidence against the accused. The watchmaker told witness to get full particulars from day to day about the accused and give them to the police. A few days after this, there was a quarrel between witness and another servant in the shop; and accused No. 1 told him (witness) to leave the shop. At the time of his death, witness's father had left with accused No. 1 Rs. 60 in trust for witness's benefit, and accused paid him two annas or four annas at a time when he went to his house.

The first accused, in his statement to the court, said that Hyder Ali, a police officer, got all these implements and materials placed in his room through the boy Yakoob If the police knew that they were manufacturing coins, why was it they did not arrest him whilst they were engaged in doing so? Hyder Ali found entrance into the room, because the key was handed to the boy Yakoob by his (accused's) son. The second accused left his case to his counsel. The third accused, in his statement, said that while he was out walking, he was given a bundle and a purse by the boy Yakoob, and soon after they were joined by Hyder Ali. He (No 3) was taken in a victoria to the Subedar, and he gave certain instructions to Hyder Ali. The boy Yakoob then gave him (accused) the key of the room, which was to be delivered to his father, but which he had not delivered. The bundle was afterwards placed in the room in Duncan Road.

Mr Binning having summed up the evidence for the prosecution, Mr. Jinnah addressed the jury for the defence. Counsel submitted that there was no clear evidence to bring home the charge to his client. It was stated that accused No. 2 visited No. 1 at his house, but there was no evidence of any close relations between the two. The fact was that No. 2 lived with his wife at Ganastpoora; he did not live with No. 1. The only evidence which the prosecution could bring against his client was that he had paid a rupee each to certain persons; and the learned counsel was surprised to hear each one of those persons say that it was the prisoner who, in each instance pointed out the false rupee But said the learned counsel, there was no evidence to connect No 2 directly with the manufacturing of the coins. It was quite possible he might have innocently used the coins handed to him by another person without knowing that they were false. Counsel submitted that the boy Yakoob's evidence, uncorroborated as it was, should not be trusted by the jury. It was unsafe that a grown up person like the accused, would take a boy like that into their confidence in a matter of this kind, in an affair of serious consequences to them if the boy's story was true. Counsel asked the jury not to believe the boy's evidence unless it was corroborated.

His lordship, in summing up the case to the jury, said the charges had been simplified, and they were that of counterfeiting coin and of being in possession of implements and materials for counterfeiting. His lords ip stated to the jury the main facts of the case, adding that it was said that all the prisoners were engaged in the coining. Assuming that the coins were counterfeit, the jury had next to consider who were the coiners? It was rarely the case that counterfeiting was proved by direct evidence. In this case there were the implements and the materials which were said to have been found in the room of No. 1. It was stated, on the other hand, that they were introduced there by Hyder Ali, Police Officer; and it was for the jury to decide between the two stories. His lordship here recapitulated the circumstantial evidence in the case; and told them how to deal with the evidence of the accomplice. After commenting upon the main features of the case, his lordship asked the jury to come to a verdict upon the facts.

The jury, after a short consultation unanimously found the three accused guilty of both charges, but recommended the third accused to mercy on account of his youth. His lordship sentenced the first accused to rigorous imprisonment for six years, and the second accused for five years. In consideration of the recommendation of the jury, the third accused a mere boy, was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for six months.

There is one more case from Deesa for trial, a case against Private James Collier. It was stated that the commitment was bad and in order to enable the Government Solicitor to make enquires, the Sessions were adjourned till 2 p. m. to-day.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST DEBENTURE LOAN OF 1903.

Tenders for the Bombay Port Trust's new debenture loan of 16 lakhs were opened yesterday.

The tenders, amounting to Rs. 11,19,000, at and over Rs. 103-8-0 were accepted in full.

The balance of the loan Rs. 4,81,000 was distributed pro rata amongst those who tendered at Rs. 103-7-0.

The average rate of the tenders accepted was Rs. 103-8-3.

The aggregate total of tenders received was Rs. 76,73,500.

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SCENE IN THE POLICE COURT.

MAGISTRATE AND ADVOCATE.

At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Karsondas Chhabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Dr. Manekbai Tarkhad appeared to answer a charge of criminal trespass and mischief preferred against her by Mr. Dady Rustom Banajee, an Abkari Inspector. Mr. Hugh Sealy, pleader, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. M. M. Murzban, barrister-at-law, and Mr. Chunilal Setalwad, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Manockjee Sorabjee Captain, of Messrs. Captain and Vaidya, solicitors, appeared for the defence.

At the outset the Court heard arguments of counsel as to which of the witnesses should be examined first. The Court having decided to leave it to the discretion of counsel for the prosecution to bring his witnesses in any order he liked, Mr. Dorabjee Nusserwanjee Bahadurjee, barrister-at-law, was put into the witness-box. Mr. Murzban raised an objection to the presence of Mr. Rustom Pestonjee Jehangir, one of the witnesses for the prosecution, in Court, and during the course of his remarks used the words "Most respectable witness" with reference to Mr. Rustom.

Mr. Sealy asked what Mr. Murzban meant by the words "Most respectable witness."

The Magistrate said that Mr. Murzban had no right to pass any remarks upon a witness who had not been examined.

Mr. Murzban replied in a loud tone that his Worship was holding him too lightly in the matter. He said he would stand on his right that as a counsel that was within his discretion and that he was entitled to criticise any witness whatever. The Court could not prevent him from doing so.

The Magistrate said that whereas Mr. Murzban had defied the Court's authority to pass remarks upon a witness who had not been examined, and whose evidence was not on record, and as Mr. Murzban's manner of addressing the Court was, in his opinion, very rude and uncivil, the hearing would be adjourned till the 24th instant. He would report this incident to the High Court for opinion whether Mr. Murzban was right in defying the Court's authority, and for such orders as the High Court might be pleased to pass with regard to Mr. Murzban's conduct towards the Bench.

Mr. Murzban asked that as the facts were fresh in the minds of all this explanation might be recorded. He said that on Mr. Sealy inquiring whether Mr. Rustom Pestonji Jehangir would remain in Court, he got up and said "Mr. Rustom is a most respectable witness and he may be allowed to remain in Court." On this Mr. Rustom got up and sought the protection of the Court. Upon this the learned Magistrate asked him in terms as stated in his memorandum. He said he was casting no reflections on the witness and that he only repeated the words used by the Magistrate with reference to Mr. Captain when an application was made to him to send Mr. Captain out of Court. As Mr. Captain was instructing him in the case the learned Magistrate remarked to Mr Sealy that Mr. Captain was a most respectable witness and there was no reason why he should not be allowed to remain in Court. After reminding the Magistrate of the words used by him he (Mr. Murzban) at once said that in using the words "most respectable" in respect of Mr. Rustom he only repeated what the Magistrate had said with reference to another witness. He also stated that his discretion as counsel to make observations must be unfettered particularly as he had not used any words with intent to insult. He continued as soon as the Court asked him to sit down he immediately submitted to the Court's orders, and said the Court was holding him rather too lightly. His Worship inquired whether Mr. Murzban wanted to withdraw the expressions, which in the opinion of the Court had inflicted indignity on it.

Mr. Murzban said if his Worship thought that the impression conveyed to the Court was that he (Mr. Murzban) inflicted indignity upon the Court, it was farthest from his mind. He took that opinion of the Court and withdrew unreservedly and unqualifiedly everything he had said as it was not in his mind to challenge the authority of the Court. If the Court thought that he had been in any way ungentlemanly he tendered his apology on the Court, and withdrew everything that he had said.

The explanation offered by Mr. Murzban was accepted by the Court and the hearing of the case was proceeded with.

Mr. Dorabji Nusserwanji Bahadurji, barrister-at-law, examined by Mr. Sealy said that he knew Mr. Rustom Pestonji Jehangir and Dr. Miss Tarkhad. He also knew a house situated at the corner of Gomdevi Road which was at present occupied by Dr. Miss Tarkhad's lying-in hospital. In the same compound there was another place occupied by the Banaji family. He had visited the house several times since April last. Mr. Rustom Pestonji Jehangir was the lessee of the house and Dr. Miss Tarkhad was the sub-lessee of Mr. Rustom. In April last the witness had negotiated with Mr. Rustom on behalf of the accused for the lease of the premises. The rooms occupied by the Banaji family did not appear to have been tenanted. The accused occupied the house about the 1st or 2nd of May. He could not say whether the Banaji family were in occupation of the rooms then. The witness knew of a case before Mr. Dastur in which a servant of Dr. Miss Tarkhad was charged with misconduct for removing a tattee under the orders of Dr. Miss Tarkhad. There was another case before Mr. Dastur in which a hospital cook of Dr. Miss Tarkhad was charged with abuse. To his knowledge the first summons was dismissed, and in the second case the cook was fined. He had given instructions to Mr. S. B. Kapadia, pleader, several times on behalf of the accused. He could not say on how many occasions Dr. Miss Tarkhad was present with him when he gave the instructions. He was present in the first hearing of the case in which the cook of the accused was charged.

The case stands adjourned.

POONA RACES.

TENTH EXTRA MEETING, SATURDAY SEPT. 19. HANDICAP.

Hurdle Handicap—1 1-2 miles—Henry III 3, Pops 11 0, Milbura 11 11, Altamas 10 6, Gauline 9 9, Madeira 9 0.

Pony Hurdle Handicap—1 1-2 miles—Malice 11 5, Funny 10 4, Freerade 10 2, Patrician 10 1, Wink 9 12, Meryl 9 2, Good Boy 8 10, Pomfret 8 6, Widgeon 7 6. Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 8 lbs.

The Sandown Stakes—6 furlongs—Beadsman 9 10, Widlock 9 0, Kingston 8 12, Firecracker 8 5, Leonidas 8 8, Spark 8 7, Swiftsure 8 6, Dr Barnado 8 2, Roscommon 8 1, Cerise 7 13, Corrie Roy 7 10, Ophir 7 9, Blue Blood 7 6, Spithead 7 5, Mina 7 5, Fando 7 3, Fitzeros 7 1, Ombree 6 10, Miss Windsor 6 7. Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 4 lbs.

The Kensington Stakes—6 furlongs—Key West 9 9, Matalgia 9 4, Oga 9 4, Western Queen 8 9, Asseagai 9 12, Sandbox 9 7, Miss Birnie 9 0. Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 4 lbs.

Consolation Stakes—1 mile—Naranjee 9 9, Reminder 9 5, Selpmo 9 0, Turkish Flag II 8 5, The Rodger 8 11, Alexis 7 10, Huddal 7 9, Sandow 7 8, Adonis 7 7, Najeed 7 3, Magtoom 7 3, Connaught 7 1, Musketeer 7 0, Mahr 7 0, wild Fox 6 6, Montana 9 6, Skyking 8 3, Selim 6 0. Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 4 lbs. Two top weights not accepting weights to be raised 9 lbs.

The Nursery Handicap—5 furlongs—Scattercash 9 9, Nainava 9 5, Kour Sahib 9 4, Little Joker 8 10, Bikaner 8 10, Flying Cluders 8 8, Moored 8 7, Turn of Luck 8 6, Minting King 8 5, Senaya 8 1, New Moon 8 0, Salvation 7 8, Nasser 7 8, Cheroy 7 6, Grey Pearl 7 5, Syranto 7 3, Bhaiaji 7 2, Najaffi 6 8, Supporter 6 4.

The Little Welter Plate—5 furlongs—Victory 11 6, Rocket 11 0, Lady Betty 10 13, Hamilton 10 4, Naseri 10 0, Scout William 9 12, Pink Un 9 10, Fanaia 9 9, Dukhi 9 3. Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 4lbs.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER.

The Breeders Plate—6 furlongs—Gentle Lady 10 7, Saloon 10 0, Upstart 9 0, Recollect 8 4, Wisdom 7 9, Louis 7 8, Triumph 7 2, Lady Newmarket 6 5, Nihilistion 6 7 and Miss Asquith 6 0. Two top weights not accepting weights to be raised 10lbs.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	2
B Mandvi, Chukla, Comerkhadi and Dongri	1	2	16
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	7	3	14
D Khetwadi, Girgaum Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi	0	0	5
E Mazagon, Tarwady, and Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	4	4	16
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	2	2	7
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	2
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	2	11
Total	14	13	73
Total plague deaths to date	232,873	215,117	
Same date last year	8	10	93

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KING OF SERVIA'S DIFFICULTIES.

REVULSION AGAINST CONSPIRATORS.

The greater part of King Peter's life has been spent in France, Austria, and Switzerland, where political freedom is universally enjoyed, and constitutional government is unquestionably recognised. On examining the King's past career, says the Servian correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" we find him to have been of extreme democratic principles, tinged with Socialism. Brought up in the military schools of France, he became every inch a soldier and gave proofs of his valour by bravely fighting for his adopted country in the Franco-Prussian War, and his valour was only excelled by his patriotism when he risked life and property in the Herzegovina Insurrection on behalf of the Servians, and took part in the war of Servia and Montenegro against the Turks. It needed not King Alexander's terrible fate to warn King Peter of the danger of committing the unconstitutional mistakes of his predecessor; by education and character he was fitted to rule constitutionally, and allow his people political freedom, and he resolved to do so.

Since his accession to the throne, he has by word and action remained faithful to his principles, but though his elevated position did indeed procure him a bed of roses, it is found most uncomfortably full of thorns. His position to-day is not an enviable one, it is difficult and precarious, de-potism rules, but it is not the King who is the despot, it is the arbitrary, uncontrollable clique of officers to whom he owes his throne.

Two or three days after the awful deed of the night of June 10 there was a general meeting of the officers of the army, and it was then resolved to accept the revolution as a fait accompli, and that the conspirators should remain unknown, considering themselves to have acted solely for the good of the country, and that they should not seek any recompense or promotion for their services."

The Press and Governments of all civilised Europe appealed for the punishment of the conspirators; but in Servia they were regarded, with few exceptions, by the people and army as patriots who had done good service. The assembled Parliament had approved the deed and amnestied the offenders, and King Peter was either indisposed or unable to take any action against them, and shielded himself behind the parliamentary vote. The "patriotic" conspirators, however, did not abide by the resolution of the officers' meeting, and soon began to cry out for promotion and emoluments, several threatening to resign their commissions if their demands were not complied with. Many did receive important appointments in the War Office, in the army, and in the Royal household, yet day by day their clamour and discontent increased, and they flatly showed themselves masters of the situation, when Lieut-Colonel Leshjanine was appointed Court Marshal. The decree to this effect, signed by the King and countersigned by the Prime Minister, was already published in the official Gazette, when in consequence of the threatening attitude adopted by the officers of the conspiracy, and the Adjutant-General's representations to the King, the newspapers already distributed were confiscated and a further distribution not allowed until the decree was withdrawn and the Gazette reprinted. The dismay and surprise among the general public may well be imagined, and everyone asked himself: "Who is King?"—"Who governs?" But with this climax began the revulsion of feeling.

The cancelling of the decree mentioned produced also another effect, it caused a Cabinet crisis, three Ministers threatening to resign, and two of the three, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Justice, were on the point of having a duel. To add to the confusion the War Minister demanded a credit of 800,000f. (£32,000), which the three Ministers above referred to refused to grant unless the War Minister agreed to dismiss from the service a number of officers and civil servants who had been favoured by King Alexander. To the credit of the late War Minister, General Alanaskovich, it must be said he always refused unduly to promote any of the officers engaged in the conspiracy, nor would he dismiss from the service any of the officers supposed to be favourable to the late King.

The dispute with the War Minister led to the resignation of the whole Cabinet, and the reconstruction of the Cabinet, excluding the War Minister and the three Ministers opposing him. The revulsion of feeling amongst all classes and in the army, caused by the terrorism indulged in by the few officers engaged in the conspiracy, is daily increasing.

There are in the Servian army over 1,500 officers, whilst there were not more than sixty-three who took part in the conspiracy, and already there is a movement on foot, on the part of a great body of officers, secretly backed up by the whole of the non-commissioned officers, to oppose the action of the conspirators.

The situation in the army will probably become very strained, and, to make matters worse, there may probably be tension in the newly-formed Cabinet, which the coming elections will certainly not diminish.

King Peter is likely to have a hard time of it, and he will be a surprisingly good constitutional ruler to be able to keep to his political creed and emerge victorious.

PASSENGERS PER S. S. OCEANIEN.

The following passengers will sail to-day at 7 p.m. per Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer Oceanien, from Prince's Dock Shed O and E, for Colombo, Australia, China and Japan. There will be the usual medical inspection at the Dock at 5-30 p.m. sharp. Native servants and ayahs and deck passengers must be at the Prince's Dock Disinfecting Shed at 5-30 p.m. with all their baggage:—

FOR YOKOHAMA.

T H Maharaja and Mahrani of Kapurthala and 4 servants — Mrs Mayer, Shri Narayen, Dr Piari Mall

FOR COLOMBO.

Mrs London — Mrs Sands

FOR MELBOURNE.

Mr Th Leroux

FOR SYDNEY

Mrs Mac Gorme, nurse and child — Mr Jonequel, Mr P Puech

Mr H Sant

Mr and Mrs Leroux and child — Miss Frazelli, Mr and Mrs M Dilley

Mr F Betz — Mr and Mrs Mebe as Daley

Mr and Mrs Assemaine and four children.

FOR NOUMEA.

Mr Bron — Mr and Mrs Lakroux and child

Mr Juhault — Mrs Pascal and 2 children

Dr and Mrs Bonain — Mr and Mrs Tavernan

Dr Houssaan — Mr Roily

Dr Roge — Miss Leiel

Mr and Mrs Praffaitin and 2 children — Mr and Mrs Pirtre

Mr and Mrs Dhug

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Bombay Government Gazette*, Sept. 17.)

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

The following Notification by the Government of India in the Foreign Department is republished for general information:—Simla, the 11th September 1903.—With the sanction of his Majesty's Government the Governor-General in Council is pleased to recognise the appointment of Monsieur R Ries as Consular Agent for France at Aden.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr E Van der Straaten Judge of the Court of Small Causes Karachi is granted privilege leave for two months and twenty-seven days from the 22nd Sept or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

The Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr E Wilkin to act as Judge of the Court of Small Causes Karachi during the absence of Mr Van der Straaten or pending further orders.

Under Sec 3 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 the Governor if Council is pleased to empower Mr Krishnaji Gururao Kashigal Assistant Taluka Gadag and Magistrate of the first class in the district of Dharawar to try in a summary way all the offences mentioned or referred to in Section 260 of the same Code.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

H Excy the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr F Fletcher to be Depy Director of Agriculture Bombay Presidency.

Mr G W Hatch I C S Assit Collector Ratnagiri is allowed leave on urgent private affairs for four months.

H E the Hon the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr A W W Mackie I C S to be Assit Collector Ratnagiri vice Mr G W Hatch I C S proceeding on leave.

Mr F J A Hill Assit Collector Salt Revenue Bombay has been allowed by H M Secy of State for India an extension of furlough for one month.

Mr H G Bulkley Assit Collector of Salt Revenue Bombay has been allowed by H Ma's Secy of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Capt A F W King I M S has been placed on general duty with effect from the 22nd Aug.

Capt V B Bennett M B I M S to act as Medical Officer to the Kathiawar Political Agency and in charge of the West Hospital Rajkot vice Major J B Jameson M B I M S and during the absence of Major B B Grayfoot I M S or pending further orders.

H Ex the Hon Sir James Monteath K C S I Governor of Bombay is pleased to appoint Mr P J Mead B A (Cantab) I C S to be his Private Secretary.

Lieut-Col O H Channer M B C M (Ed) D P H I M S has been allowed by H M's Secy of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

The following Notification by the Govt of India Military Dept is republished:—Simla, the 11th September 1903.—Volunteer Corps—Appointment—1st Bati G I P R Vol Rifle Corps—Jack Forsyth Burn gentleman to be Second-Lieut to complete the establishment.

In exercise of the powers conferred in Sec 63 (f) of the City of Bombay Improvement Act 1898 H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr R W Murphy to do duty as Assessor of the Tribunal of Appeal vice Mr H V R Kemball resigned pending further orders.

Mr J H Advani B Sc L L B Asst Engr 3rd grade passed on 22th Aug the Professional examination prescribed in paragraphs 171 of Chapter II Public Works Dept Code Vol I.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A severe winter is predicted on the Continent, for the storks have already left France, a sign as fully credited as the early or late flight of the swallows from our own shores.

THE WEATHER.

RAINFALL IN BOMBAY.

	Byculla, In. Cts.	Esplande, In. Cts.	Fort, In. Cts.	Colaba In. Cts
Previously registered	78 51	39 68	73 01	74 37
Thursday 17th September	0 18	0 25	0 56	0 20
Total	78 69	39 93	73 58	74 57
Total fall to 17th Sept. 1902	57 45	61 62	53 85	61 67
Total fall to 7th Sept. 1901	88 48	84 05	87 48	74 93

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 17TH SEPTEMBER.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants want fine weather. Cotton larger area sown this year. Crop prospects generally good.

Hissar.—Looks like rain. Cotton plants flourishing, but want fine weather. Food-grains doing well. Rabi sowings progressing favourably.

Moultan—Bright, no sign of rain. Rabi seed being sown. Crop prospects generally good.

Delhi—Sufficient rain fallen generally. All crops doing well.

Agra.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants in flower.

Cawnpore—Seasonable. All Crops doing well.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants in flower and showing bolls.

Amraoti.—Seasonable. Crop prospects generally good.

Khamgam.—Unusually hot. Cotton plants flourishing. Food-grains doing well.

Dhulia.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flowering advanced. Considerable improvement in crops perceptible.

Jalgaon.—Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants flourishing. All crops doing well.

Broach.—Continues cloudy. Break needed generally. Cotton plants flourishing, but want fine weather. Food-grains doing well. Crop prospects generally good.

Viramgam.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally.

Wadhwan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Sufficient rain fallen generally. Cotton plants flourishing. Food-grains and all crops doing well.

Dholera.—Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants flourishing.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton plants flourishing. Cotton larger area sown this year.

Baroda.—Seasonable. Looks like rain. Sufficient rain fallen generally. Crop prospects generally good.

Sholapur.—Break needed generally. Food-grains suffering from too much rain.

Hubli.—Looks like rain. Dry here, but raining in the surrounding districts. More rain wanted generally. All crops doing well.

Bellary.—Cloudy, but no rain. More rain wanted generally. Cotton plants flourishing.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON THURSDAY, THE 17TH SEPT.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes though small and slightly irregular show a fall at the majority of the reporting stations. The barometer is now slightly in excess of normal in Sind, the Punjab and United Provinces and in moderate defect elsewhere.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to fresh at Jamnagar.

Temperature.—The greatest departures noticeable are:—Maximum from 5° to 13° in defect in the Punjab and at Sholapur, Masulipatam Madras, Coimbatore Trichinopoly and Negapatam and 6° in excess at Deesa and Malegaon. The maximum varied from 100° at Jacobabad to 78° at Belgaum and the minimum from 79° at Dwarka to 66° at Bangalore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is more or less cloudy in most places. Humidity changes are irregular.

Rain has chiefly fallen over the country lying to the south of Latitude 22°, the greatest amounts being 2·91" at Sholapur, 1·15" at Raipur and 1·13" at Cuddapah.

Weather continues favourable for scattered rain.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

HIGH COURT.—SEPTEMBER 18.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice BATTY and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice JACOB.

AT 2-30 P. M.

For Judgment.

1254—In person—Jehangir Maneckjee Curseljee vs The Secretary of State for India in Council—E F Nicholson.

1348—Payne and Co—Jensbai vs Currimbhai Ebrahim and others—Thakurdas and Co.

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice B. TYABJEE.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

423,01—Khunderao S and L—Vasantrao Madhowrao vs Anandrao Gunpatrai and others—Little and Co and Khunderao S and L, part heard.

732,01—Smetham B and N—Bijli Khanoo Moosa vs Tulakchand Hakamchand—Crawford B and Co.

329,03—Thakordas and Co—Ahamedbhoy Hubibhoy vs Rahimtoola Somjee and others—Wadia and G.

138,02—Mancokhlal J and H—Mooljl Jetha vs N C Macleod and others—Thakordas and Co.

199-02—Payne and Co—The Badischi Aniline and Soda Federich vs Tejpal Godu and others—Dikshit and D—For postponment.

595,00—Hiralal and D—Sitaram Sawlia vs The Hindustan S and W Co Ld—Dikshit and D.

455,02—Payne and Co—Mohanlal Karahan vs Gangaram Ramjee and others—Hiralal D.

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PURELY PERSONAL.

The Duke of Newcastle, as an old Eton boy, takes a great interest in cricket, although he never played much in his school days. He always has a luncheon party at Lord's for the Eton and Harrow match, and is extremely kind to any small Eton boys who look as if they were in need of a feed. A well-known parson who was lunching with him tells a story of a young Harrow boy who came and sat beside him, and who looked so shy that the cleric took him in charge and fed him up with all the good things he could find. The boy, after doing himself very well, signed to the butler—who had been many years in the Duke's service—and inquired what there was to pay. Nothing to pay, sir, said the butler, controlling his face wonderfully. The youth turned to his clerical friend. Don't you know whose lunch you have been eating? enquire the latter. No, said the boy, and on having matters explained to him, he asked the parson what he should do. "Say your grace," he replied, and slip away. The boy did, as he was told, as well he might, after so depressing a specimen of the pun ecclesiastical. But the Duke and Duchess were greatly amused by the story.

Queen Alexandra is an indefatigable letter-writer. She has been known to write as many as forty letters in one day with her own hand; and Miss Knollys, her favourite lady-in-waiting, often gets through a hundred, all written under the Queen's personal supervision. Queen Alexandra's note paper is cream-coloured and rather rough, with the Royal crown and address in dark-blue, and of the simplest design. During the shooting season she sends a great deal of game to her own particular friends, and the hampers are labelled "With the Queen's compliments." At Christmas time she often presents her intimates with a signed photograph of herself in a silver frame. Queen Alexandra is a keen photographer, and has transfered some of her photographs on to china.

Mr. Claude Lowther has left London. It is not given to all of us to be many-sided, but Mr. Lowther has certainly earned the distinction. He is good-looking and agreeable, and much has been compressed into his thirty-two years. He began life in the deplomatic service, later on served in South Africa, and won his V. C. for gallantry at Faber's Point. He is now member for the Eskdale division of Cumberland, and more or less a member of the militant Fourth Party. Besides these serious pursuits, he sings, acts, and quite lately wrote a play. The Gordian Knot—which some wicked wag christened The Claudian Rot—and which had a perhaps undeservedly, short run in London.

Phil May is gone, but another master of black and white remains to us in the person of Mr. Dudley Hardy, and one hopes for many a long day, despite the operation which was performed upon him the other week at Boulogne. The Dudley Hardy Girl as fascinating in her bold, demimodaine way as the Gibson maid of high—American—degree, introduced herself to the public so long ago that one is inclined to look upon her briliant inventor as a veteran; but in point of fact he is quite a young man, whose eighth lustrum still lacks four years of maturity.

Fairly tall, strongly built, there is something of the colouring of the famous Yellow Girl in Mr. Hardy's tawny hair, moustache, and brown, orange-flecked eyes. Bon camarade is he, and all too generous, and a man who has met the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune with the buckler of a stout heart.

Bon peintre chasse de race, one may say, varying the French proverb. Mr. Hardy's father was a well-known marine painter. Planted in artistic soil, then, this Hardy annual blossomed early, and when but fifteen was studying art in Dusseldorf, and afterwards under Verlat at Antwerp. Then one morning he awoke to find himself out off with a shilling. Nothing daunted, he went to Paris, and studied in the ateliers of Raphel, Colin, and Courtois, but perhaps his art has been most influenced by Wilhelm Muller and Fortuny.

Eighteen years ago his first picture was hung in the R. A. It represented a Dutch sandhill with two figures on it, and was not only hung but sold. Big success came two years later at the Salon with Sans Asile, representing Trafalgar Square by night, and since then, if black-and-white work has to some extent trammelled him, he has given us many fine pictures, and of late has been devoting himself successfully to small full-length portraits, such as Mr. Herbert Sidney paints so well.

Like Mr. Maurice Greiffenhagen, Mr. Hardy prefers painting to black-and-white, but few men can afford to refuse to supply a big public demand, and so Sirens and Johnnies continue to materialise at the end of his brilliant pencil, whilst as a designer of posters he is almost unrivalled. The first poster he did was for Sir Augustus Harris, and possibly this most successful ones have been the Gaiety Girl and the Yellow Girl for to-day.

Some years ago Mr. Hardy was greatly surprised to receive a letter from Sir Frederick Leighton—a total stranger to him—to the effect that whilst he, Sir Frederic, would be very happy to assist a brother-artist in distress, he could not understand how one of Mr. Hardy's ability should be in such straits. Mr. Hardy called on Sir Frederick and learned that he had heard from other artist that Dudley Hardy—I need hardly say not he, but an impostor—had called on them and represented himself as destitute. Nothing very much in the story, but it was characteristic of Sir Frederick that he should go out of his way to help a brother brush, whom he believed to be in difficulty

"Highways and Byways" by Inglis Allen, will, I feel confident, be ranked among the successful books of the year, when the time comes for reviewing the printed output of 1903. It has not been boomed, but it is booming and the reason of its success is not far to seek. Whether Mr. Allen be a wit or a humorist—the border line between the two, is as narrow as that sundering genius from insanity—he is certainly funny very funny. In these sketches which originally appeared in Punch, the educated working man particularly in his moments of relaxation is mainly Mr. Allen's theme. And it is with the sure touch of one who knows his subject that he draws the product of the Act of 1870 with his embarrassing tendency to challenge you to mortal combat one moment and weep on your shoulder the next, his fondness for arguing the point and more than hazy notions of what the point is his readiness to help a friend indistress and his equal readiness to be helped—in short his very mixed qualities. The book has a laugh on every page and half-a-dozen on most. And it has a moral too—the moral summed up by the negro parson in Georgia: All dat education does foh some folks is to learn dem a few mo'words to talk foolishness with.

Only twenty-four years ago did Mr. Allen see the light in London town. Of middle height fairly athletic build, with light brown hair, a fair moustache, grey eyes and a good nose and chin, he is on the whole a typical young Englishman of the public school type. A wholesome clever young man who seems to find the World a jolly old world and certainly does his best to make it so. He went to school first of all at Folkestone then to Merchant Taylors and in due course went up to Oxford (Oriel) only to be sent down. But in justice to Mr. Allen I must tell the full story of that misadventure for such it was.

There was a certain studious fresher at Oriel with Mr. Allen who happening to live in the rooms opposite became more or less friendly with the little known man and was even chaffed on this account by some of his friends. On Mafeking night there was a great "rag," a term now unhappily so familiar that I need not explain it even to feminine readers. A certain unpopular man was severely ragged but Mr. Allen took no part in the ceremony. Judge of his amazement then when next morning he was summoned before the Dean and accused of having been a ring-leader in the ragging not even of the unpopular man aforesaid but of his own friend the studious fresher. His denials and explanations were scarcely listened to and sent down he was forthwith. However, it is one thing to be sent down another to go Mr. Allen chose to remain and certain facts luckily coming to light the dons thought good to reverse their decision—a decision for which Mr. Allen good-humouredly informed them he had been rather grateful than otherwise since it had afforded him a gleam or two of amusement in what had otherwise been a very dull term. And now for his literary career.

When Mr. Allen finally came down from Oxford, Punch was one of the first papers he attacked, possibly because his great grandfather was none other than Douglas Jerrold. A polite note to Sir Francis Burnand to the effect that he had just come down from the Varsity and would like to contribute to Punch brought an equally polite response that there was no royal road to Punch, but anything he sent in would be carefully considered. So he sent in a "Highway and Byway" and greatly to his amazement it was not only published, but he was asked for more.

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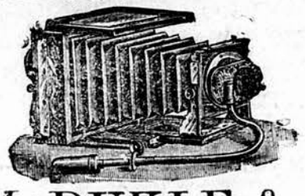

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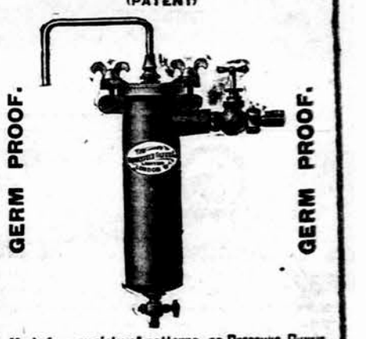

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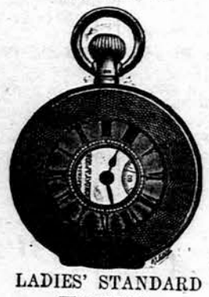

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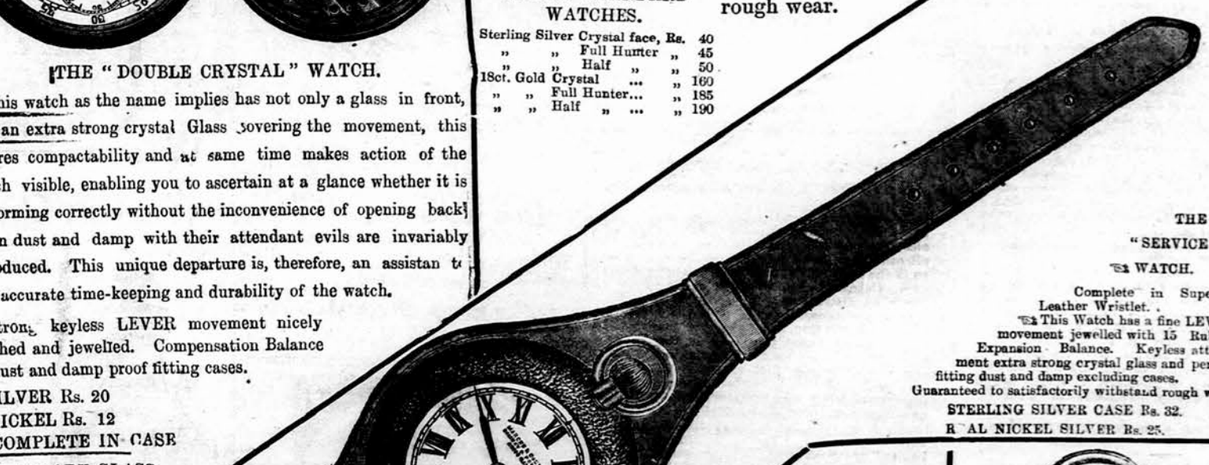

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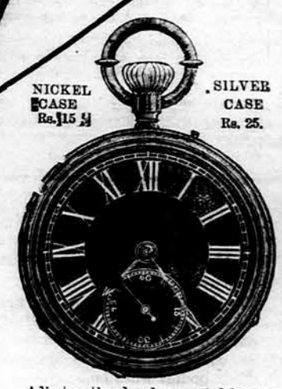

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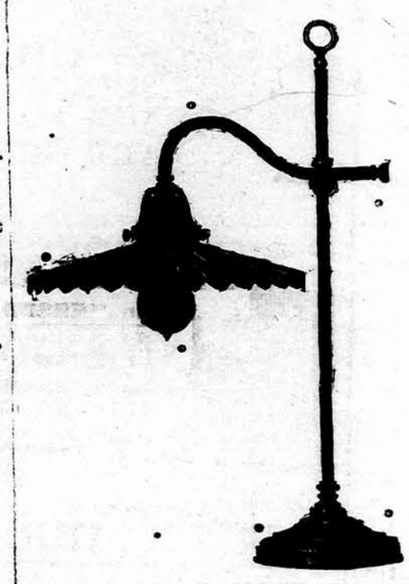

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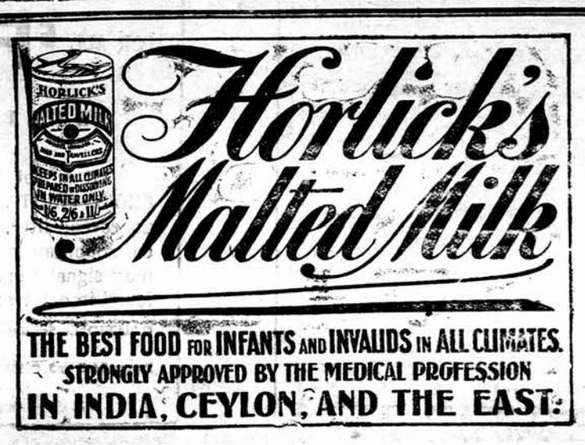

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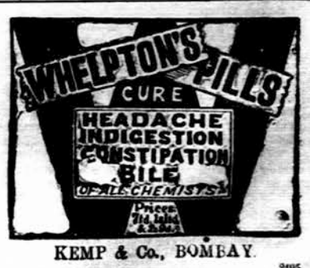

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